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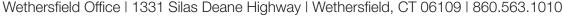












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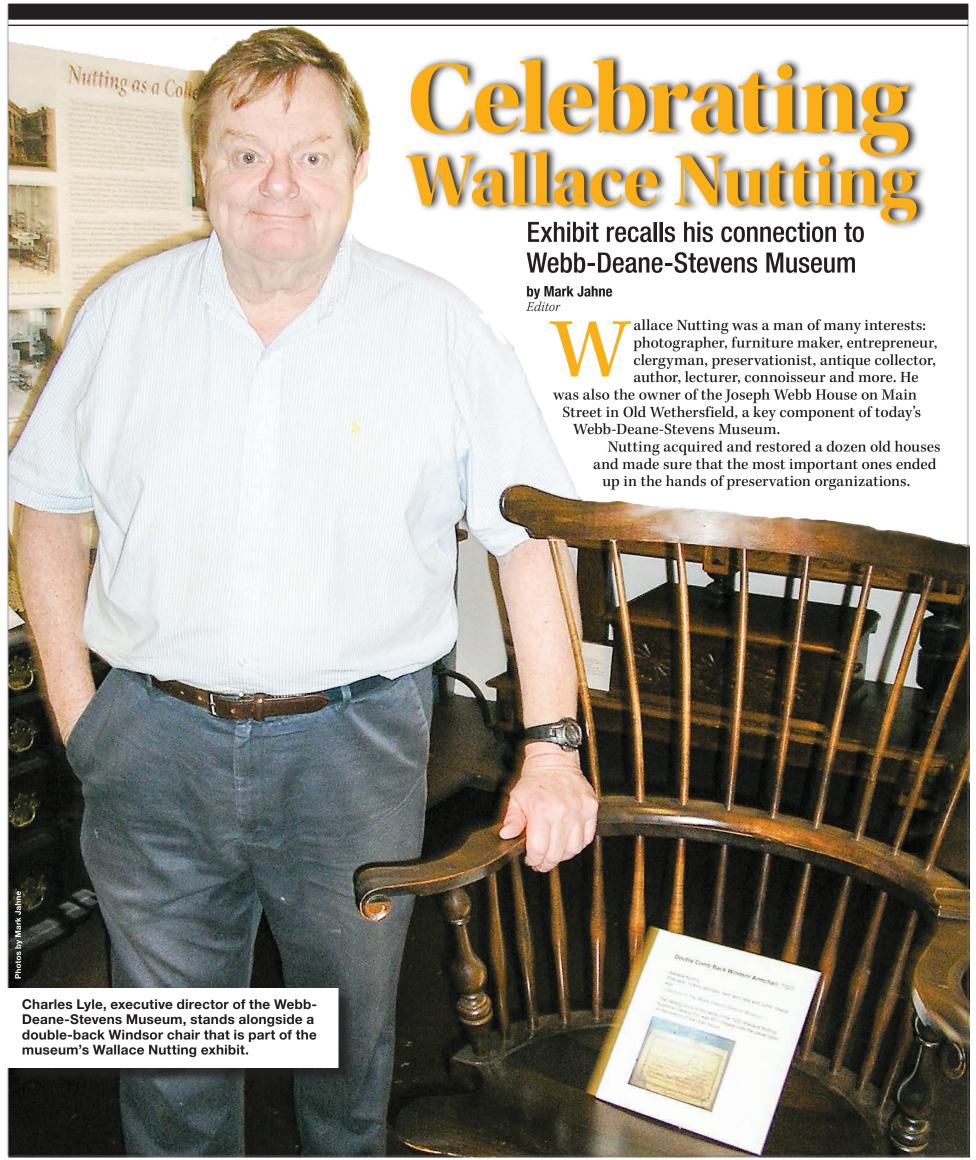
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His attention to detail and ground-breaking accomplishments in promoting American history and antiques are celebrated in the exhibition, "Wallace Nutting: Preservation Pioneer," 100 years after he opened the historic Webb House to the public for the first time. Held in collaboration with the Wallace Nutting Collector's Club, this exhibition is made possible, in part, through financial support from the Connecticut Humanities Fund.

Nutting was born in
Massachusetts in 1861 and educated
at Exeter Academy, Harvard
University and the Hartford
Theological Seminary. He was a
Congregational minister for 15 years
before succumbing to nervous and
physical exhaustion.

The Webb House is best known as the home where Gen. George Washington stayed for five nights in 1781 while he and his French colleague, Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, the Comte de Rochambeau, planned the military campaign leading to the successful end of the Revolutionary War.

When Nutting acquired the Webb House in 1916, he named it "Hospitality Hall," making it part of his "Chain of Colonial Picture Houses" – historic sites in New England that were part of his business plan to promote a nostalgic appreciation of "Old America." From the beginning, he intended to use the Webb House primarily as a backdrop for his colonial-style prints, which were immensely popular in American homes in the early 20th century.

"The sheer quantity of things Nutting did in his lifetime is remarkable," Charles Lyle, executive director of the museum and curator of the exhibit, said. "He was a remarkable guy. We had over 250 people at our opening July 4."

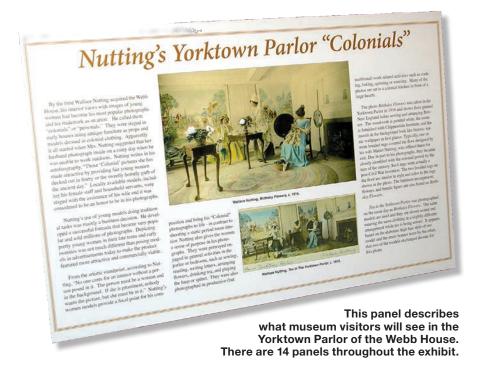
Lyle added that as an entrepreneur and businessman, the Nutting name stood for quality and was as influential in the early 20th century as Martha Stewart's brand of "Living" is today.

"But it goes beyond that. Wallace Nutting was a true pioneer in the emerging fields of historic preservation and in the study and appreciation of American decorative arts and architecture."

Lyle said that in addition to being a popular artist/photographer and manufacturer of quality reproduction furniture, Nutting was also a respected collector of American antiques, restorer of historic buildings, and a noted author and lecturer.

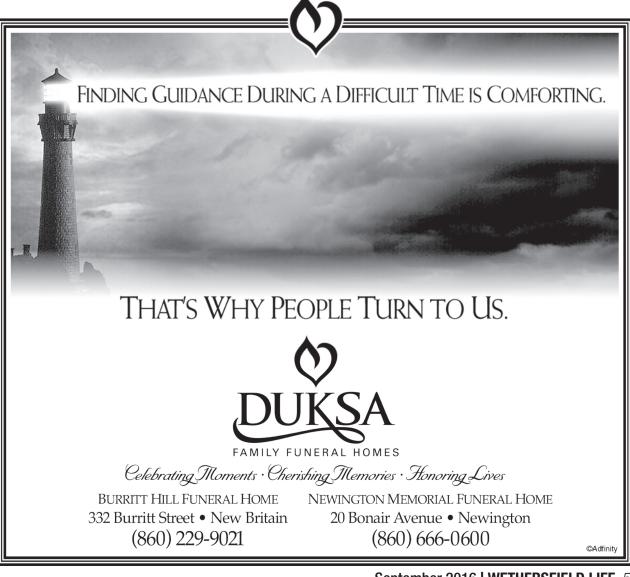
"Nutting created an aesthetic that popularized the use of American antiques that people wanted to have in their own homes and could live with comfortably," he said.

"It's part of the history of this











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museum ... he really deserves to be recognized here because of his role in saving the Webb House," Lyle added.

The Colonial Revival of the early 20th century dominated home and furniture styles and Nutting's colonial photos were among the first to popularize the use of American antiques in period room settings. World War I saw an increase in patriotism that further stimulated interest in such items and Nutting's photos sold well, along with his historically correct reproductions of American furniture, iron, wooden ware and rugs.

Numerous colorists were hired to bring the black-and-white photos to life. His pictures were sold to retail dealers and by 1925 they could be found in homes across the country

He was a stickler when it came to his reproduction furniture business, insisting that each and every piece be of the highest quality. He sold the business and, when he determined that the quality had declined, bought it back a few years later.

"I want people to see the quality of Nutting's furniture," Lyle said.

Nutting's association with the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art further solidified his reputation as an authority on early American furniture.

He purchased the Webb House in Hartford from a group of five residents who had bought it to protect it from demolition. Their intent was to turn it into a memorial library. It was the fifth and last Colonial Picture House in his collection and the only one in Connecticut.

The others were located in Portsmouth, N.H., and Newburyport, Haverhill and Saugus Center, all in Massachusetts.

He used almost every room in the house to compose his photos. Images of young women dressed in colonial clothing amid furniture and other props became his photographic trademark. Some of the models were staff and household servants and they considered it an honor to be in Nutting's photos.



He had murals painted that remain on view today in the Yorktown Parlor room to commemorate the victory of Washington's forces over the British in the Revolutionary War. They contain certain historic inaccuracies, but serve to remind everyone of the future president's visit to town.

Long-hidden murals in the northeast parlor that were uncovered in 2007 help reinterpret the room in the Colonial Revival period and Nutting style. A prime attraction in this room is a shell cupboard.

There are 14 panels that tell the story of Nutting's life and work. Lyle put extensive work into creating them to be as informative and accurate as possible.

"I'm looking at these panels as a permanent thing," he said. "We transformed the whole first floor into a Nutting exhibit."

Visitors to this exhibit will ultimately gain a better understanding of how the Colonial Revival shaped contemporary perceptions of colonial America. Lyle has acquired Nutting furniture, ironwork, wooden

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- Charles Lyle

treenware and a number of hand-colored prints for the exhibit, with many of the items on loan from members of the Wallace Nutting Collector's Club.

He has also recreated a scene in the Webb House that is depicted in one of Nutting's most famous prints, "Birthday Flowers," using a mannequin in reproduction 18th century clothing, and other distinguishing details. A related lecture series is planned for the fall; speakers will include noted author, antiques dealer, and auctioneer Michael Ivankovich.

Nutting's restoration of the Webb House 100 years ago included a number of murals, many of which can be seen today due to restoration by the museum several years ago. He had the center hall decorated with

painted murals depicting romanticized views of European castles, but they were painted over in the 1920s and cannot be restored.

The most prominent features of his Webb House restoration that remain are the historic murals in the two front parlors. The southeast ("Yorktown") parlor murals depict the famous council of war between Washington and Rochambeau. Also portrayed is the British surrender at Yorktown.

The northwest parlor murals capture noteworthy historic houses in imaginary landscapes, including several of the other "links" in his chain of houses. Other rooms in the house were also used as stage sets for his photographs.

Nutting opened the Webb House to the public July 4, 1916, with a 25

cent admission charge. During the first two years of operation there were more than 2,000 visitors.

America's entry into World War I, and the subsequent rationing of gas, seriously affected automobile touring. Nutting had no choice but to close the house and he sold it to the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames in 1919. It has remained in their care ever since.

In 1925, he sold his furniture collection to J. Pierpont Morgan Jr., who donated it to the Wadsworth. As a result, today the atheneum claims the most important collection of "Pilgrim Century" furniture in the nation.

In spite of his success in so many endeavors, Nutting fell victim to the Great Depression of the 1930s. He died in 1941 at the age of 80 of a heart attack and his widow, Mariet, was forced to sell his remaining antiques at auction to settle the estate. WL

"Wallace Nutting: Preservation Pioneer" will run through Oct. 30. Admission is \$8. The Webb House is located at 211 Main St.

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She achieves her goal

Carly Carew completes Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon

by Mark Jahne Editor

arly Carew had more than her share of health issues in her younger days. It makes her recent completion of the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon that much more gratifying.

The 26-year-old lifelong Wethersfield resident teaches fourth grade at Highcrest School. For the past year, and especially the past six months, she was in training to prepare for this event, where endurance is vital.

Carew suffered her first health chal-

me." - Carly Carew lenge at the age of 9 when she was infected by E. coli bacteria while swimming in

in the water with a dirty diaper. She was diagnosed with a condition called hemolytic uremic syndrome. HUS is caused by the abnormal destruction of red blood cells. These damaged cells clog the filtering system in the kidneys, which can lead to life-threatening kidney fail-

Lake Hayward in Colchester. The cause was later determined to be a little child

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ure.



Carly Carew sets out on the third and final event, a bicycle race.

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Carew tackles the marathon portion

failure, which at the time was feared could be fatal. But she recovered after a couple of weeks on dialysis.

Ever since then, I've had various injuries and other things," she said.

That included two knee surgeries and then two hip reconstruction surgeries while in college. She was a competitive swimmer her first year at Central Connecticut State University before those hip problems forced her to quit.

Carew earned a degree in elementary education. But she wanted to swim again and didn't let the negative opinions of her doctors and nurses dissuade her.

"After my hip surgery, I started swimming. I was told I wouldn't be able to," she said.

She got back into the pool with the encouragement and participation of her older sister, Alex Huffman.

"We got back in the water a little bit," Carew said. "I kind of set my sights high."

The sisters participated in the

Lake Terramuggus tri-series in Marlborough. A year and a half ago she ran her first spring triathlon.

"After starting triathlons, my big goal was to do an Ironman," she

But competing in an Ironman is a completely different experience. The three components are a marathon run of 26.2 miles, a 2.4mile swim and a 112-mile bicycle

Carew completed the course in 14 hours and 52 minutes, finishing first in her age group for women in the swim. She is pleased with that

"Swimming was the easiest part for me," she said of the first event, but it was not without its challenges. "There were so many people in the water that you're getting elbowed and hit."

She solved that problem by pulling away from the other men and women and setting her own pace at the front of the pack.

"My marathon time was slow, it was five and a half hours," she

Carew volunteered at the event this past year so that she could see it for herself and get a feel for what she would experience. Her sister came along for support.

"It was so inspirational volunteering up there. I signed up the next day and started training a couple of weeks after that," she said.

Her sister was always there to cheer her on. Carew also gave credit to her husband of two years, Matt, for his unwavering support. They both attended the July event in upstate New York.

"It's just so surreal. The whole place is so beautiful," she said.

Carew was well aware entering the event that the bicycle ride would be her greatest challenge because it was a pair of 56-mile loops. She rides a road bike.

"It's through a lot of hills and mountains," she said. "The first loop, I felt really good, but a lot of hills come at the end."

She began to experience headaches and nausea but still forced herself to stop occasionally for food and water. Aid stations were located every 10 miles for those who needed them. She was also struggling with blisters on her feet that popped up during the marathon. Not to mention severe shin splints.



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Family and friends came to cheer Carly Carew on during the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon

"I wasn't feeling great, but giving up was never an option for me."

She admitted that when she crossed the finish line, "I was never happier to get off my bike. You finish in the Olympic oval."

Lake Placid has served more than once as the host site of the Winter Olympics.

Her shin splints were so acute that Matt had to carry her back to the hotel. A lot of ice and time to rest was enough to help her recover the next day.

Some competitors change their clothing for each event, and there are volunteers to help them with that to save time, but she decided to take a different approach.

"I wore a tri-suit so I could actually do all of them in that outfit," she said.

Because of the scheduled length of the July 24 Ironman – 17 hours - Carew had to rise at 4 a.m. and register an hour later. Her sister and husband kept her company and tracked her progress all day on their cell phones.

She was not only motivated by her own desires, but by a little girl.

"I have a running buddy in Delaware named Faith who has Down syndrome," Carew said.

Huffman, who is two years

older, exudes pride in her sister that the entire family shares. She also remembers how sick Carly was after that bacterial infection.

The two young adult women decided to run up Mount Washington together, an ascent most people do in their cars. Carew made it to the top, but Huffman gave out prior to that. Simply put, Carew never gives up.

"Ever since she's gotten sick, she's had this tolerance ... this strength to get through the craziest things. We're very proud of her," Huffman said.

"For me, it was nerve wracking," she said of the Ironman event. "Something like that is wearing on your body."

The family, including their parents, was present to cheer Carew on, but they were all concerned that it might prove too much for her and could result in an illness or injury. That concern grew when her time on the final loop of the bicycle race dropped significantly from the first loop.

"My dad ran up to the medical tent to make sure she was OK," Huffman said. "She's my little sister, but I look up to her in so many ways." WL



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The final note

Scott's Music Center will shut its doors after 56 years

by Mark Jahne

Editor

hree generations of children passed through the door into the little store looking to start a life in music. Soon that door will be locked forever.

Scott's Music Center at 669-C Silas Deane Highway will officially go out of business Sept. 17. Remaining music books and other merchandise can be purchased at a significant discount

until then.

Scott's was the place where so many schoolchildren went to rent or purchase an instrument. Violins, saxophones, guitars, trombones, clarinets and so much more were acquired to make their lives richer and give them an opportunity play in school bands and ensembles.

If those instruments broke or weren't working quite right, Scott's would fix them. One could also buy sheet music and books of classical, stage and motion picture scores. In the 1960s, the wooden bins were full of 45 rpm records.

Owner Ralph "Scott" Whinnem is 77 years old and declining health combined with age forced him to make the decision to close the business. He is emotional when he talks about it and wishes he could continue.

"I bought the store from Chick and Ann Reed," he said.











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Ralph "Scott" Whinnem and his son, Rob, are getting ready to close Scott's Music Center after 56 years in business.

That was in 1961. Whinnem immediately brought in soft cover music books to accompany his instrument rentals, sales and repairs.

"It started out as a repair shop. Records and books were a sideline," he said.

Record sales died when large department stores began selling recorded music at a discount that he could not match. But he soldiered on and endured more than one economic recession, always finding a way to survive as a small businessman.

"I enjoyed doing it. You get up in the morning and you've got a place to go," he said.

Many customers have been dropping by to wish Whinnem well.

"What is gratifying is when they come back with their grandchildren and shake my hand," he said.

"I've been thinking about it [retirement] for a while. A lot of my friends are retired."

But even as he spoke, nearly two months before the closing date, he said he was already finding it emotionally wrenching to think of life without Scott's Music Center. It was more than a business, it gave him a sense of purpose.

Whinnem was a musician as a young man and used to perform with a trio that entertained in the resorts that once existed in Moodus. They're all gone now.

"I liked to fool around with the guitar. I don't get to do it much anymore," he said.

His son Rob has been involved with the store for the past three decades, primarily as a guitar teacher. He's also disappointed to see it close.

"It's tough. It's sad. The store's been here all my life. It's going to be tough to see it go. He's had a lot of people come through here," Rob said.

"He's kept his rental prices low. It gives a lot of kids a chance to play an instrument," he

His father was asked if he wanted to say anything via this story to the decades of customers he served. He reflected for several moments before responding.

"Thanks for your good will and your loyalty," he said. WL







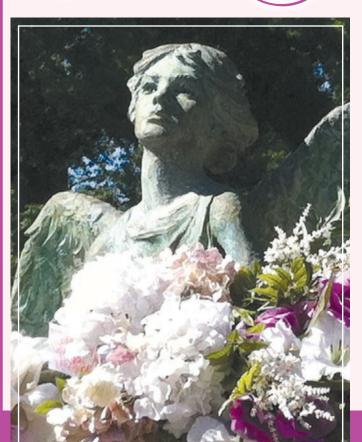
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hey started 25 years ago with the McCauley Open golf tournament, which evolved into the Raynbow Foundation.

Put the two together and the Esposito family of Rocky Hill, formerly of Wethersfield, has been raising money for charitable causes for 25 years with no end

The late Raymond Esposito and his son, Neil, owned and operated the McCauley trash hauling company in Greater Hartford. Neil, who died in a highly publicized car crash in October 1999, was a philanthropist who was moved to raise money to fight juvenile diabetes when his



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son, also named Raymond, was diagnosed with the illness in 1996 at age 13.

Neil's mother, Anne Esposito; his sister, Donna Esposito Hughes, and her husband, Jeff Hughes, who runs an insurance agency, picked up the torch. The Esposito family lived on Meadowgate in Wethersfield before, one by one, eventually moving to Rocky Hill.

Their most recent Raynbow Golf Classic was held September 20 at Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford.

"Neil had started it as the McCauley Open," Donna Hughes

Anne Esposito said in the first few years, the money went to such causes as the American Lung Association and homeless shelters. He created the nonprofit Raynbow Foundation in 1998 and used the unusual spelling as a way to name it after his son.

Esposito and Donna Hughes said the Raynbow Foundation, in addition to the annual golf event that always draws more than 100 participants, also has done dinners,

"I want to keep my brother's legacy and name alive."

- Donna Esposito Hughes

silent auctions, Halloween parties, galas, Hawaiian beach parties and more. They are closing in on a grand total of \$1 million raised since that first fundraiser in 1996.

Over the past 17 years, the foundation has raised and donated \$200,000 each to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, diabetes treatment and research at Hartford Hospital and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center cancer center.

These organizations each received \$15,000 a year for the past five years as part of that total.

"It's a lot of work," Esposito said. "I do shopping for the raffle items, but Donna basically does it all. We have no overhead. Every dime we make goes to charity."

Everything is run out of the Hughes' home. The foundation doesn't have any staff, nor even a website, because they want every penny they raise to go directly toward helping people.

"This is what Neil wanted. It was so important to him," his mother said. "Raising money [to fight] diabetes is our main concern."

She added that he always looked for ways to help sick children and was involved with an American Lung Association camp and other causes.

"Donna coordinates and sets things up. I help her with the insurance aspect," Jeff Hughes said. "We've done some different things at the golf tournament."

One year, they hired a Tiger Woods look-alike and people thought it was the real celebrity. They found a Joe Torre look-alike another year. Jeff said he always enjoyed playing golf with his brother-in-law and praised him for his philanthropic ways.

"He did whatever he could do to

help people."

Donna Hughes talked about why she still works so hard to make each event a success.

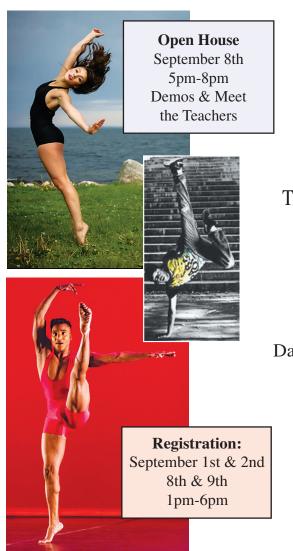
"I want to keep my brother's legacy and name alive. ... He was always helping other people. He wanted to find a cure for diabetes,"

The Esposito family also funded a new baseball field and scoreboard at Wethersfield High School, where Neil played baseball.

Esposito is proud that golfers tell her the Raynbow Foundation tournament is one of the best fundraising golf outings around. It includes a dinner, and this year's master of ceremonies was radio personality Joe D'Ambrosio.

Young Raymond Esposito is now 32 years old and serves on the board of directors of the Greater Connecticut and Western Massachusetts chapter of the JDRF. He is married and the father of two children. WL

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A look at 19th Century religion in Wethersfield

by Jim Meehan

Wethersfield Historical Society

ccording to the National Humanities Center, "19th century America contained a bewildering array of Protestant sects and denominations, with different doctrines, practices and organizational forms."

Religions as varied as the Seventhday Adventists, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), the Church of Christ Scientist (Christian Science), the Salvation Army and independent Christian churches - as well as many other lesser-known sects - came into being during the 1800s.

One of these new religions was the Catholic Apostolic Church. Among its

founders was the Rev. William Watson Andrews, identified by both Wikipedia. com and distinguished Wethersfield historian Thomas Stiles as one of the town's most notable residents.

"Rev. William Watson, although not a native, was long a resident of Wethersfield; and allied by marriage with one of its oldest and most distinguished families; his personality, Christian character, social relations and literary ability conferred an honor upon the town and community in which he lived, which justifies us in giving him a niche in this Wethersfield history"

Born in 1810, Yale graduate and former Congregational pastor William Watson Andrews lived in town from 1857 until his death 40 years later.

In 1858 he married his second wife,

town resident Elizabeth Byrne, who descended from a long line of Congregational clergymen, most notably the Rev. Elisha Williams.

During his four decades in town, Watson Andrews was one of America's leading spokesmen, sermonizers, lecturers and writers for the Christian religion, frequently speaking at, and ultimately being buried from, Wethersfield's Congregational Meeting House.

This in spite of being at the same time an active evangelist for the Catholic Apostolic Church – a group that believed in "the evil condition" of the other Christian denominations and which avowed that it was the one true church in "possession of gifts and ministries ... to prepare the way for the coming and kingdom of the Lord."



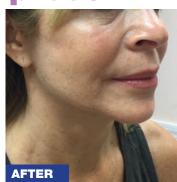
The First Church of Christ in Wethersfield dates back to a time when the Fundamental **Orders of Connecticut declared** the Congregational Church to be the established church of the state and all residents were required to attend church and/ or pay taxes to support the Congregational faith.



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According to mainstream Protestants, "the so-called apostles ... [are] either deluded fanatics or blasphemous deceivers." Yet the First Congregational Church of Wethersfield would say of him, "his genial spirit and godly life, and not unfrequent ministerial service in our pulpit, and yet oftener at the burial of our dead, has been a perpetual testimony to the truth and love of God, and has brought comfort to many sorrowing ones."

While this town was not home to "a bewildering array of Protestant sects and denominations," the 19th century was nonetheless a time of religious change here. When Watson Andrews arrived, the primary religious denomination in town was Congregationalism, located at the First Church Meeting House, which was established in 1635, one year after the town's founding.

Four years later, the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut declared the Congregational Church to be the established church of the state, and all Connecticut residents were required to attend church and/or pay taxes to support the Congregational faith.

Those who worshipped in other denominations were required to provide written proof of doing so. This law stood until 1818.

Prior to building their own houses of worship in town, emerging Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Methodist congregations held services at the Old Academy, although a Methodist gathering there was the cause of a public riot. Each denomination subsequently settled in Old Wethersfield.

The Episcopal Rev. John Williams of Washington (now Trinity) College preached a single sermon here in 1840 or 1841. Twenty-five years later, the Rev. Henry W. Nelson Jr., rector of Good Shepherd Church in Hartford, conferred with some local residents and it was decided to arrange for a Sunday service. The congregation met twice in Academy Hall in January of 1868, with 120 people attending the initial service and 155 at the second.

At the time Wethersfield's population was about 2,700. In October 1869, a committee was formed to organize and incorporate a parish in town and the parish was received into the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut in

September 1870.

The first Roman Catholic mass in Connecticut was offered in Wethersfield in 1781 for the French troops who were encamped in town during their march across the state for the final campaign of the Revolutionary War. A century later, there were increasing numbers of Catholics here and priests from St. Patrick's and St. Peter's in Hartford came to celebrate mass in such varied locations as the Chester House on Broad Street and the Old Academy.

In 1880, construction of the first Sacred Heart Church was begun on the north side of Garden Street between Main and Broad streets. The church was dedicated May 29, 1881.

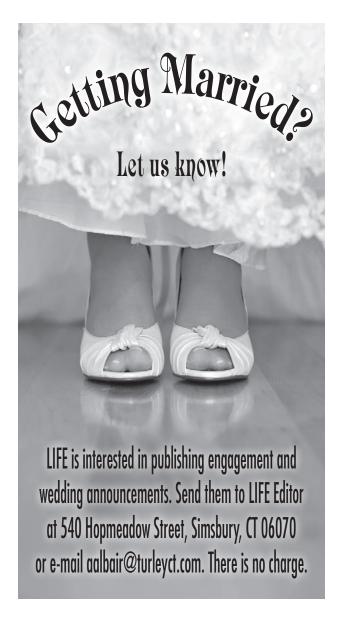
In 1790, the initial Methodist sermon was preached in by Jesse Lee in the North Brick School House, now the site of Standish Park. For several years itinerant preachers came to town until 1821 when the Rev. William S. Pease was appointed as circuit preacher for Wethersfield, Newington, New Britain and Kensington.

Early services were held in Academy Hall, but this was protested by some of the leading men of town. In 1824 the cornerstone was laid for the first Methodist church building at 130 Main St., still in use now as Temple Beth Torah.

According to a history of the Wethersfield Methodist Church, "the Baptist Church in Wethersfield graciously allowed the Methodists to worship in the Baptist church Sunday afternoons" in 1882 while construction was being done.

A Baptist minister had first preached in town in 1746, with the initial Baptist church being built in 1816, and a second in 1875 at the same site. Sometime after 1900 the property reverted to the South Central Baptist Church in Hartford, which sold it to the American Legion Russell K. Bourne Post in 1922.

Histories of Trinity Episcopal Parish, Sacred Heart Church, Wethersfield Methodist Church, Temple Beth Torah and William Watson Andrews are available in the articles from the community section of the historical society's website wethersfieldhistory.org. WL Jim Meehan is secretary of Wethersfield Historical Society's Governing Board.







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Think ahead, be ready

Town officials discuss how to prepare for emergencies

by Mark Jahne

Editor

t has been five years since the freak October 2011 storm dropped a blanket of heavy snow on Wethersfield, knocking out electrical power to most homes for a week. Steps have been taken to improve the utility infrastructure, but it could happen again.

Town officials say the best way to deal with such an event is to prepare ahead of time. The more people do that, the more they can deal with the challenges and inconvenience.

Capt. James Ritter is the public information officer for the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department. He recently took on the additional task of serving as the town's emergency management director.

Ritter has nearly 30 years of experience in public safety and shared his thoughts about what people can do in the event of another major weather event such as a blizzard, hurricane or tornado.

"Emergency management is really exciting. In the fire service, you touch people in a very personal way. Emergency management is different," he said.

It involves lots of advance planning and taking a wider view of the problem. Public safety and affiliated personnel must prepare for a potential major problem, respond to it, and then deal with the cleanup and

recovery process.

The town's plans cover police, fire and emergency medical services, and also public works, social services, utilities, schools and the American Red Cross. Each has a role to play. The idea is to coordinate the resources as quickly as possible so they can best assist the general public.

"The goal is always to put people back up on their feet," Ritter said.

He said a great deal was learned following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when local services in and around New Orleans were overwhelmed by the magnitude of that storm.

"That's why the preparedness part is so important," he said. "There are many variables that are beyond the control of any local, state or federal government."

The more that individual people and families can prepare, the less help they will need. He sees part of his new job as teaching people how to do that.

"People are not as self-sufficient as they used to be," he said, in large part because modern technology does so much more than past technology. People are heavily dependent upon such things as computers and cell phones.

Ritter said the first priority of emergency management is to assist people who can't help themselves: the sick, children, people with severe





Left: Capt. James Ritter of the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department is the town's newly appointed director of emergency management; Right: Police Chief James Cetran

disabilities and the elderly.

"There's a constant review process," he added.

He offered the following advice to help people better prepare for any eventuality.

"The first thing is to have confidence in your preparedness. The first step is you," Ritter said.

Have a plan. Think about it ahead of time. Stay in touch with relatives if possible. Maintaining communication is important, so it is vital for each household to have a battery-powered radio. That may prove to be the only access to news and important information.

"We will be communicating with our residents," he said. "The fundamental priority of the emergency services is life safety."

It's also important to make sure that the home's supply of batteries for radios and other devices is up to date. Expired batteries are no help and the time to buy them is not the day before a storm when the store shelves are depleted.

One of the advantages, as he sees it, is that Connecticut residents are used to rapidly changing weather and have experienced every kind of storm. Prior experience helps everyone know what to expect and how to





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properly prepare.

"You really should have a supply of nonperishable food items which do not have to be cooked," Ritter said.

If the emergency situation occurs in cold weather and there is no heat, he said to put on more clothes and dress in layers. Another option is to spend at least part of the day or night in the home of a family member or neighbor who has an emergency generator.

Neighbors helping each other can make a big difference in reducing the sense of isolation and providing support and encouragement, he added.

"It's really about the community coming together."

Ritter said people tend to feel more isolated during emergencies today than in the past, also because of society's dependence on electronic communication.

Residents need to be patient and understand that government and utility companies are doing the best they can to return life to normal. Ritter said people might find comfort in the fact that the town has a solid and dependable group of both professional – police and public works – and volunteer – fire and ambulance – emergency personnel.

Police Chief James Cetran said his department is prepared for any and all possible scenarios. Wethersfield is part of a capital region mutual aid arrangement that can supply added law enforcement manpower from nearby towns if needed.

"We're part of what is called the Blue Plan," he said.

The plan sets three levels of response, each appropriate to the particular incident at hand. He said the 2009 tornado, for example, required a level one response – the lowest. Full operation plans are on file and can easily be accessed.

"We're pretty well prepared for anything that occurs," Cetran said. "We have interoperability with radios now. We didn't have that before."

There is also the Red Plan, which is designed for larger regional events, such as major weather emergencies.

"It's a plan that's for more than police," he said.

Calling 911

Ritter encourages people to call 911 for emergencies, but not for other purposes. That line needs to be kept free for "true emergencies."

Cetran concurred. He said it is helpful for people to understand what will happen when they dial the emergency line and how important it is for them to listen to the public safety dispatcher and answer that person's questions.

"There is going to be a whole bunch of questions," he said.

The same dispatchers handle calls for police, fire or emergency medical services. They are located in police headquarters on the Silas Deane Highway.

Cetran said the questions are designed to determine whether a "hot" – rapid –or cold response is best. They are also important so that the dispatcher can provide responding police officers, firefighters and EMTs with detailed information about what they will face upon arrival at the scene.

"They're also going to give medical advice to help that person get through those first moments," he said. "That advice could save the individual you're calling about."

Cetran said help should arrive within three minutes, which is considered an excellent response time, but he knows that can feel like an eternity to the person calling for assistance.

Electric power

Eversource, the local electric utility company, offers the following advice if a major storm or other serious incident is predicted to hit Greater Hartford.

Before the storm, build an emergency storm kit. This should include water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, prescription medications,

flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered radio.

During the storm, stay connected to Eversource for outage updates and safety information. Go to @EversourceCT on Twitter or visit its Facebook page. Consumers can also sign up for storm text updates that will provide the latest information on restoration efforts in specific service areas and towns.

After the storm, stay alert and watch out for trees and downed wires in the road. Never touch or drive across a downed power line; treat them all as active and dangerous. Treat all non-functioning traffic lights as stop signs and proceed cautiously at intersections.

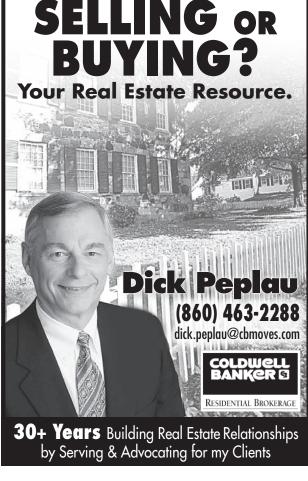
Report any downed lines to the police department. Contact Eversource at 1-800-286-2000 or online at eversource.com to report a power outage.

When the power is restored, plug in and turn on appliances one at a time to prevent a power surge. Further information can be found at eversource.com, ctredcross.org and ct.gov.demhs. **WL**

Call 911 to report a medical, fire or police emergency. Do not use that number unless it is an emergency. For all other public safety matters, contact the dispatch center at police headquarters at 860-721-2900.









Living history

The Sgt. John Deming House turns 350 years old

by Allie Rivera *Staff Writer*

aggie Downie and Matt Atwater live normal lives like other Wethersfield residents. Their surroundings, however, couldn't be more unique.

While some live in houses, condominiums and apartment buildings built over the past century, Downie and Atwater's home will turn 350 years old in September.

The Sgt. John Deming House is now located at 400 Hartford Avenue, but that was not its first address.

"It's a house that's been moved, to the best of our knowledge, from one location on High Street, which is now Main Street, to what was called 90 Jordan Lane. Then in 1951, the house was moved to the present location at 400 Hartford Avenue," Carol Bruce, a volunteer with the Wethersfield Historical Society, said.

"There are pictures in the archive that show the house being moved."

Built circa 1666, the home belonged to Sgt. John Deming, a representative in the general court from 1669-1672 and member of the then newly formed Wethersfield Congregational Church. His home was initially built as a two-room house and a lean-to was added at an early date.

Constructed in the English tradition, the house also has many ship-like qualities that members of the historical society said suggests Deming's brother Thomas, a carpenter and shipwright, may have built the structure.

Despite the house's long history, it has belonged to only a few families

over the course of those three and a half centuries. It remained in the Deming family from the time it was built through 1837, at which point it was acquired by a relative named Winthrop Buck and added to the Buck Farm to house hired help.

Following a restoration in 1927 by John S. Buck, the house remained with Buck descendants and was eventually cared for by Eleanor Buck Wolf and her husband, Richard, until her death in 2002 at the age of 93. The historical society has preserved a number of Buck Wolf's drawings of her former home, including a series detailing wall hangings she would later create.

"We have in our archives her plans telling you the colors and stitches and, of course, the design of what was going to be on those wall hangings," Bruce said.

"People will always say to me

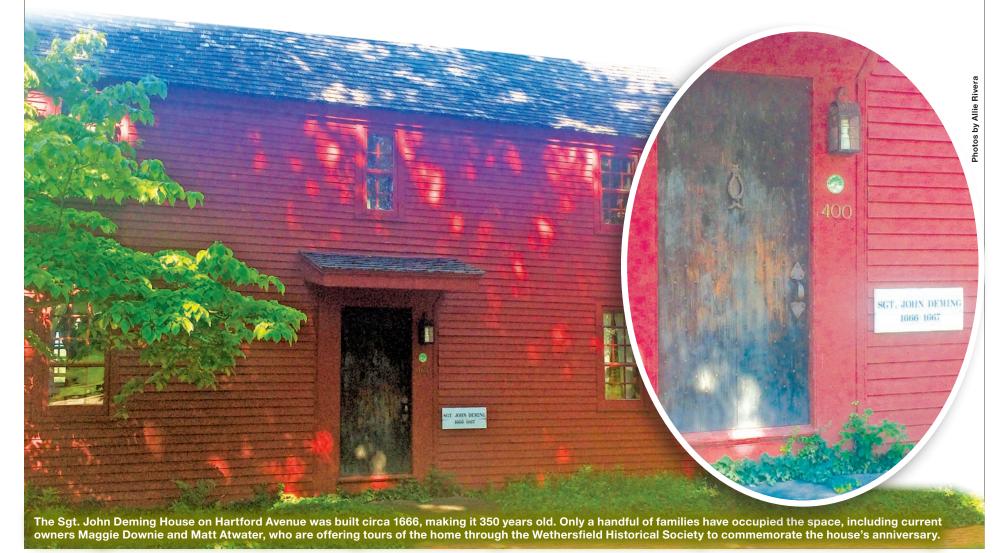
'oh, you live in Eleanor's house,"
Downie said with a small laugh. "It was in the Demings for 100 plus years, then the Bucks for 100 plus years. I think we're only the fifth family to own it."

Downie and Atwater purchased and moved into the historic house in December 2009, which Downie said was initially a surprising move.

"When Matt and I were looking for a house, I wouldn't have said I wanted a historic house," she said. "I wanted something new and green and energy efficient and I didn't know anything about living in an old house."

Initially, Downie agreed to see the house because she knew it would be one that Atwater enjoyed, but upon stepping into the home, her feelings immediately changed.

"We just fell in love with it," she said. "The quaintness, the character,



the smell. It smells like old wood, in a good way."

Since moving in, Downie has grown to love the home even more.

"I remember the first time it snowed at this house," she said with a smile. "It's not just this house, it's every home in this historic district. Everything seems better in this house. I wake up every morning happy to be in this home."

Downie said that living in the house has brought about many perks. The structure of the original home is still in what she called excellent condition and the location looks out upon the cove. The building is spacious enough to house her busi-

ness as a Pilates instructor and the yard lends itself nicely to a pair of beehives that the couple maintains.

"It was kept in really good shape and has so many original components," Downie said.

A former history major, she said that living in the home has also opened her up to learning about the history of the house and the families who have lived there. Since moving in, she has been contacted by and met with various descendants of both the Demings and the Bucks who wished to share their history.

"Everyone's home has a story. What's interesting about this house is that it connects you with so many stories," Downie said. "You're connected to so many people because now you share that story with them."

With the big anniversary of the home approaching, Downie and Atwater wanted to share those stories with even more people. They reached out to the historical society and offered the home for tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 10.

"We're so grateful that Matt and Maggie offered their house for this event," Bruce said.

The historical society has planned a variety of events, including an architectural tour of the building's first floor and basement, local garden tours, an art exhibit and walking tours of the area.

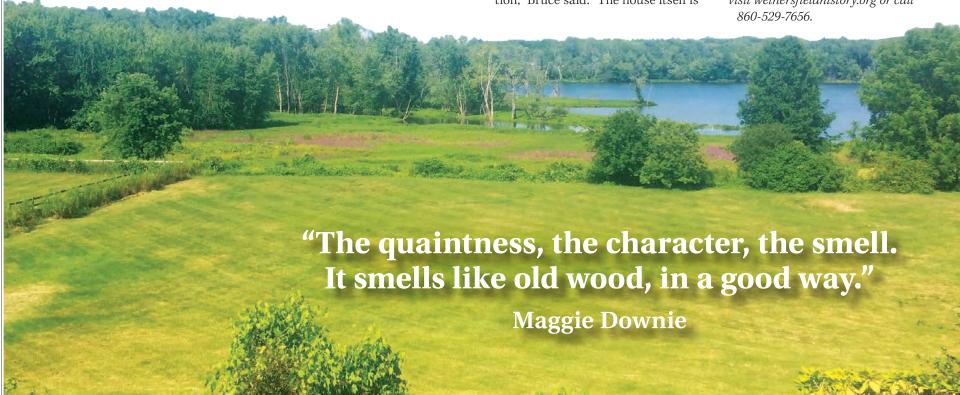
"The house is in excellent condition," Bruce said. "The house itself is

a plank house, which is a type of construction that occurred during that period of time in which there is no studding, so there is no spacing between the interior and exterior wall."

Visitors on Sept. 10 will be welcome to stroll the grounds and take in the views of the cove.

"While the home is ours, I think there's this sense of stewardship and sense of community around it," Downie said. "I think it's a special place that's worth sharing." **WL**

Tickets for the tour are \$15 and are available at the Old Academy home of the historical society at 150 Main St. or at the house on the day of the event. For more information visit wethersfieldhistory.org or call 860-529-7656









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The station's format is adult contemporary, featuring both classic rock 'n' roll songs as well as new hits. A variety of music is the foundation of its marketing approach.

"It's a live show," she said of her daily program, something not as common as in the past in these days of syndicated radio. "I have a syndicated show in 1.8 million households every week."

Celebrity Access is heard every day on The River 105.9 at 6:40 a.m. with extended programming on Tuesdays from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. It features celebrity guests from television, sports, motion pictures and politics. It is also carried online and featured during her mid-day show.

Her syndicated talk show iHeartCommunities Community Access is heard on all nine stations and is also available online and via the iHeartRadio app. Visit mycommunityaccess.com for specific station and time information.

DiNino is the beneficiary of good ratings, vital to survival in the radio industry. She knows the business can be transitory but, whatever happens, she said she never wants to leave Connecticut.

Her daily show follows a specific format that includes an artist's spotlight, healthy tip of the day, extended weather forecast and pet adoption information, among other features.

She is proud to claim her community affairs program as the largest in Connecticut. DiNino also hosts a celebrity access program featuring celebrity interviews and coverage and frequently travels to New York to meet the stars at red carpet events.

She has met such luminaries as actor Al Pacino and music legends Roger Daltry, Elton John, Stevie Nicks and Paul McCartney. In all her years of doing this, she said only one musician was rude to her and everyone else was charming and accommodating, even though they do interviews like this every day.

It's all about updating, informing and entertaining people. One recent day she was busy recording a telephone interview with musician Marc Cohn, whose hit single "Walking in Memphis" was recorded

25 years ago. The banter was upbeat and friendly and she quickly made her subject feel at ease. He spoke about an upcoming tour and other aspects of his career.

DiNino, who is 46 years old and married, believes in rolling up her sleeves and becoming involved in charitable causes. She is on committees and/or boards including Operation Fuel, End Hunger Connecticut, APK Charities, Wethersfield Hunger Action Team, Wethersfield Mayor's Charity Ball, American Liver Foundation, Autism Speaks, Tom Savage Quarter Note Foundation and Kenway's Cause pet rescue.

Born in Windsor, she lived in Old Wethersfield as a child and attended Hanmer School before moving around the area and graduating from East Hartford High School in 1988. She and husband Salvatore now call this town home.

"I've been back in Wethersfield for five years. I always wanted to come back," DiNino said. "I've always had great experiences."

Raised by a single mom, she

lived on Main Street in Old Wethersfield as a child and now resides in the southern part of town.

"I love Old Wethersfield, I love the community. The best memories of my childhood are from Wethersfield," she said.

In addition to her radio work, she also fills in for Nicole Nalepa when the WFSB-TV 3 traffic reporter needs a substitute.

An only child, she talked about what first attracted her to a career in radio.

"My mother loved music, so music was always a part of my life," DiNino said.

One day when she was 16 years old she went to WHCN – her station's official designation – to do an interview and walked out with an internship. She developed an interest in both music and current events and worked at other radio stations around Connecticut before returning to what became The River 105.9.

"I've been here for 12 years," she said. "I'm a really sensitive person and it's a tough business to be in. It's very competitive," she said.







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"I love the interaction. That's what we're about connecting people. I just hope my heart comes through with what I do."

- Reneé DiNino

The life of a radio announcer, for the most part, means sitting alone in a studio and talking to people he or she cannot see.

DiNino does her best to be a positive and welcoming voice, but she's not afraid to leave the comfort of the studio and meet her listeners face to face at remote broadcasts done on location at various places.

"I love to be in front of people," she said.

She also likes the instantaneous nature of her job, including the ever-growing nature of social media, especially when it involves charities close to her heart.

Those include nonprofit organizations that work to prevent domestic violence and those that promote animal adoption and rescue.

She has two rescue dogs of her own.

"I love the interaction. That's what we're about – connecting people. I just hope my heart comes through with what I do," she said.

She gives her husband credit for being not just tolerant, but fully supportive, of all the time she dedicates



On-air personalities have the power to make positive change in the world and she

treats that opportunity as a gift. DiNino worked with state Rep. Diana Urban, who represents Stonington and North Stonington, to pass Desmond's Law. It allows the courts to assign volunteer legal advocates to assist in the prosecution of animal abuse cases.

"One of my largest platforms is teaching people to be kind to animals at a young age. It will make for better people," she said.

DiNino always wanted to per-

lose weight, feel lively and full of energy!

form community service and was bringing home stray pets and becoming involved in social causes even as a little child, according to her mother, Sandy DiSalvo.

"She's so passionate about helping. Reneé grew up with two things: she was a personality from the day she was born and she always wanted to help people," DiSalvo said. "When she was in nursery school, she would conduct the talent shows. There was no doubt she was going to be in the public eye."

DiSalvo laughed when recalling a report card from first grade.

The teacher wrote that she wasn't sure she was needed in the classroom any longer because Renée was so dedicated to helping in every way she possibly could that she could probably run the class herself. **WL**

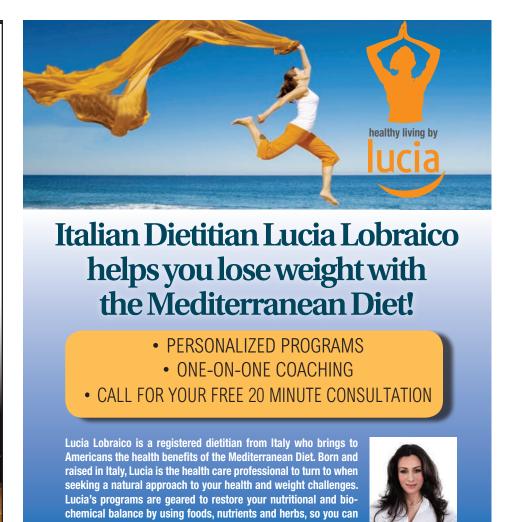
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Looking to grow

Tri-Town YMCA seeks money and a higher profile

by Mark Jahne

Editor

he Tri-Town YMCA has functioned for the towns of Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield for many years, but it has operated under a fairly low profile.

Shawn Fongemie hopes to change that. He is the development officer with the Greater Hartford YMCA, as well as the executive director overseeing both its Tri-Town and West Hartford branches.

Administrative offices are located in West Hartford. There is local program space at 1321 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield.

While this YMCA branch serves all three towns, most of the program sites are in Wethersfield. "Our preschool enrichment programs tend to get people from Rocky Hill," Fongemie said.

Newington participation, for the most part, is limited to the summer camps.

The thrust of all Y programs is youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

"Our strongest programs are our after-school enrichment programs and our sports camp programs," Fongemie said.

He is looking for ways to work collaboratively with other like-minded organizations and hopes to talk about that with Judy Keane, president of the Richard M. Keane Foundation, and representatives of the Wethersfield Early Child Collaborative.

Keane likes the idea and would welcome the opportunity to explore the possibilities. The concept of sharing resources for mutual benefit appeals to her.

"We need to sit down and talk. There are areas we can collaborate on. Why reinvent the wheel?" she said. "We're doing a lot more in the schools now. That's a big change for

"It gives us the opportunity to look through a different lens," Fongemie said. "There's manpower in us collaborating [with others]. We're a Y without walls. We don't have community space. I try to utilize all the resources we have in our association."

Many of the current programs are held at local schools.

Every school in Wethersfield is served, but not every school has its own program site. Those without have bus service to take children to the nearest location, either Hanmer, Webb or Emerson-Williams.

Summer camp experiences include day trips to the Y's Camp Jewell in Colebrook.

The Tri-Town YMCA currently serves 657 Wethersfield children. Fongemie emphasized that it's much more than baby-sitting. All programming in some way promotes the Y's core values.

"We've been working really hard to become more of a want than a need," he said. "These children need afterschool programs."

He further explained that simple baby-sitting until parents get out of work and come pick up their child is a need.



Quality programming during that time makes it a want.

Those activities have taken on a different structure over the past four years. There has also been an increased focus on serving healthy food. YMCA after-school programs feature play time, homework time and a snack.

"Our staff really focuses on building relationships with the kids ... [and] make it fun for them," Fongemie said. "It's great to have that learning component. There's a whole social-emotional piece to it."

The after-school programs run throughout the academic year and a similar approach is taken to the summer camps. Efforts are made to engage the parents as well as the children. Financial aid is available for families that

need it and is granted on a sliding scale.

Fongemie is launching a fundraising drive in the three towns to support the Tri-Town branch. Families may also qualify for the state Care for Kids program that can subsidize the cost of afterschool programming and

Fongemie added that Wethersfield children alone will receive an estimated \$40,000 in financial aid this calendar year. WL For more information about the Tri-Town YMCA and its programs, or to make a donation, contact Fongemie at 860-522-9622 or shawn.fongemie@ghymca.org.To review the program guide go to the website and click on "Tri-Town."



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News roundup

Keane launches after-school enrichment

The Keane on Kids Afterschool Program at the 911 Memorial Sports Center will soon change its location. Beginning Sept. 6, a newly developed program of the same name will expand into all five elementary schools. Many more children will be served at each site with this new program.

This joint venture between the Richard M. Keane Foundation, town Parks and Recreation Department, Wethersfield School and Parent Committee, school PTOs, the Wethersfield Public Schools and Tri-Town YMCA collectively aims to better serve local children.

Registration for each activity is through Parks and Recreation. Those who are preregistered can start their homework and enjoy a chosen activity for an hour after dismissal time. Children may sign up for one day or multiple days, depending upon program availability at each individual school.

Vaudeville at the coffee house

We Got Rhythm, a Vaudevillian songand-dance duo, will headline as anchor performers Sept. 10 at 150 Prospect Open Mic Experience and Coffee House. Larry Ruhl and Ellen Iovino interpret familiar songs from sources as diverse as Irving Berlin and Pharrell Williams with a variety of instruments including steel drum, trumpet, guitar, and tap dancing.

Prospect Open Mic Experience and Coffee House takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Wethersfield United Methodist Church, 150 Prospect St. New this year is an anchor act each month. Musicians, singers, poets, dancers and comedians ages 14 and older are invited to perform. Free homemade soups, chili, desserts, coffee and soft drinks are available. To learn more visit 150 prospect.org or look for it on Facebook.

Women seek donations

The GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club is looking for unwanted clothing and household items. People can fill bags with items that they or their children no longer use and bring them between 8-11 a.m. Aug. 27 to the parking lot behind Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1655 Main

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St., Newington. Donated items will go to Savers, which supports the Hartsprings Foundation/Big Brothers Big Sisters. Clothing, jewelry, fashion accessories, handbags, shoes, toys, small appliances, dishes and linens will be accepted. Call Donna at 860-986-9707 or Pat at 860-310-7015 for additional information.

Arts Academy happenings

A busy fall is planned at the Wethersfield Academy for the Arts. Scheduled classes include Color Theory & Munsell, Figure 1, Portrait Drawing, Bargue and Cast Drawing, Wildlife Portraits in Colored Pencil, Watercolor Painting, The Art of the Print: Monotype, and Youth Art Class on Saturday mornings.

The lecture schedule is Painting Nature in Watercolor on Sept. 7, The Exotic and Erotic Fruits and Vegetables in Chinese Paintings on Sept. 27, Many Melodic Moods with the Charter Oak Flutes on Nov. 1 and On Collecting Drawings on Nov. 15. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. To register, or for additional information, call 860-436-9857 or see wethersfieldarts.org.



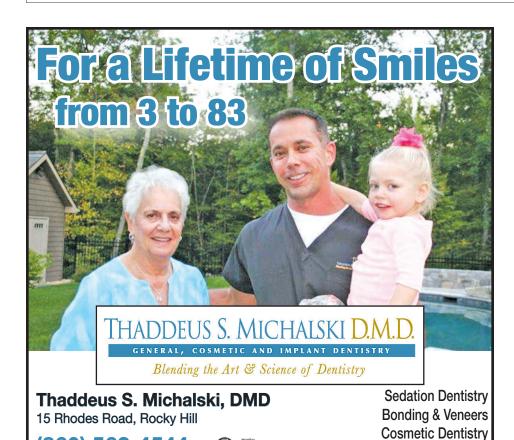
Senator visits Soundbridge

1 U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal visited CREC Soundbridge in Wethersfield to highlight why he believes the federal government needs to renew the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act. Soundbridge is a program that provides audiological and educational services to more than 900 children throughout Connecticut.

The federal law, which expired in 2015, provided funding for critical early hearing screening, intervention, rehabilitation and research, and is credited with improving the rate of newborn hearing screenings from 40 percent in 2000 to 97 percent today.

Library closes for holiday

The Wethersfield Library will be closed Sept. 3-5 in recognition of the Labor Day holiday. It is also closed on Sundays until Sept. 11. **WL**



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Drop-in Playtime/Storytime, 10 a.m. to noon, Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 or wethersfieldlibrary. org, also Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 20

Farm-to-Table Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Solomon Wells House, 220 Hartford Ave., 860-578-8650 or wfmarket.org

Fandom Fun, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 or wethersfieldlibrary.org, also Sept. 17 and 24

Saturday Cinema, "White Heat," 1:30 p.m., Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 or wethersfieldlibrary.org

150 Prospect Coffeehouse, 6:30 p.m., Wethersfield United Methodist Church, 150 Prospect St., 860-614-5158 or tanjam@comcast.net

Rice and Beans and Chili Cook-off, 5 p.m., Trinity
Episcopal Church, 300 Main St., 860-529-6825, \$10 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12 and a maximum of \$25 for a family of five or more (two adults only)

Cornfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Broad Street Green, wethersfieldchamber.org

22 Building STEAM, for

children ages 5-7, registration required, Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 or wethersfieldlibrary.org, also Sept.

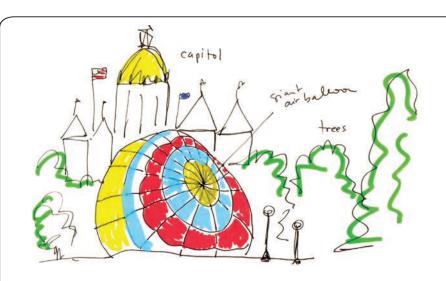
Versicolor Natural Silk Scarf Dying, 2 p.m., Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 **27** GFWC Newington/ Wethersfield Woman's Club, 7 p.m., Newington Senior & Disabled Center, 120 Cedar St., Newington, 860-666-4371

Sleep Deprivation, Insomnia and the Solution, 6:15 p.m., registration required, Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 or wethersfieldlibrary.org

Pizza and Pages, 6:30 p.m., Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, 860-257-2811 or wethersfieldlibrary.org.

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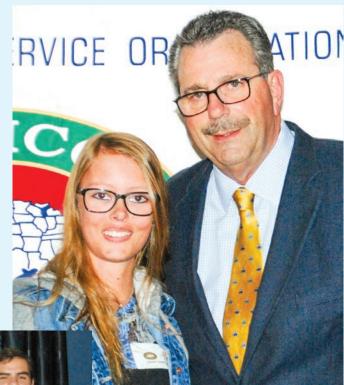
UNICO presents book awards



UNICO of Wethersfield recently held its annual book award dinner and 10 young people were honored. Scholarship Committee member Tony Martino makes a presentation to Christina DeAngelo



Chapter President Emidio Pizzoferrato greets Sara Federici.



Lindsay Varney poses with Scholarship Committee member Nick D'Eramo.



Book award winners are, back from left, Alexander Bondi, Rongwei Tan, Brian Viera, Hazim Korkutovic and Jack Malizia; front from left, Hailey Olesen, Sara Federici, Lindsay Varney, Gabriela Rizzo-Velez and Christina DeAngelo.



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Deperry at 860-508-3255.

Farm-to-Table Dinner

Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m. Solomon Wells House 220 Hartford Ave. 860-578-8650 or wfmarket.org This fourth annual event will begin with a cocktail hour featuring Connecticut wines and craft beers and passed hors d'oeuvres. The meal starts with roasted clams with a paella stuffing, duck confit ravioli and roasted tomato and basil empañadas on a bed of baby greens and stracciatella de burrata. The main course features a wood-fired sous-vide beef dish served with an herb-roasted mushroom medley, summer garden succotash and duck

fat potatoes. The vegetarian entrée will be a stuffed summer squash. Dessert includes a chocolate surprise. Tickets are \$85 for all food and drink or \$160 for two tickets. Friends of the Market members get a discount of \$5. Purchase tickets on the website or at the weekly Thursday afternoon market.

Rice and Beans and Chili Cook-off

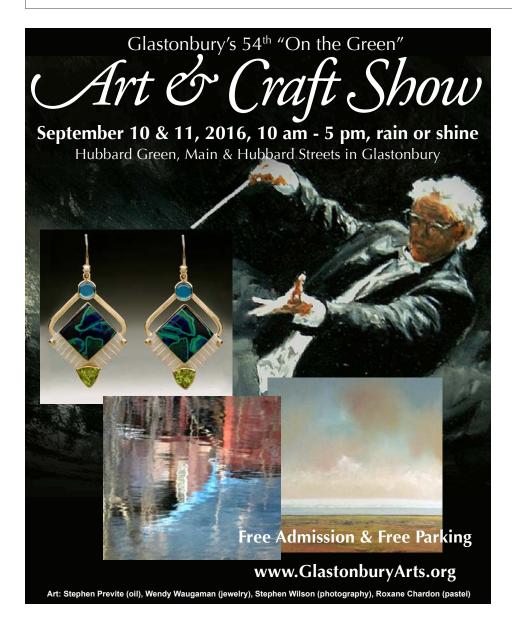
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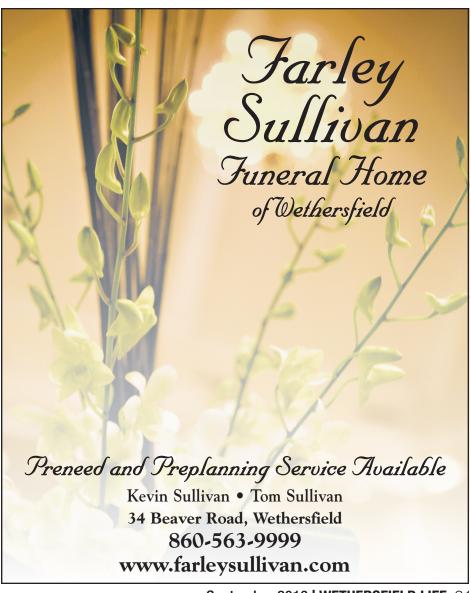
This ninth annual event is being held to increase awareness of world hunger and to raise money to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach committee and its projects in Wethersfield, Hartford, Haiti and Brazil. Sample the cuisine and vote for a favorite dish. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12 and a maximum of \$25 for a family of five or more (two adults only).



Cornfest

Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Broad Street Green wethersfieldchamber.org This year's 32nd Annual Cornfest produced by the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce features a new lower admission of \$3 for everyone, with children under 12 admitted free. Attractions will include inflatables, pony rides, hay rides, food, crafts and a business expo. Check out the Nationwide Nascar Pit Stop to see the official 88 Nationwide Chevy show car. All of the entertainment this year will be on the Main Stage/Showmobile; see the website for performances and times. A reminder - pets and bicycles are not allowed on the green. WL







SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



2016 Fall/Winter Upcoming Events

Picnic of Remembrance

Sunday, September 11 - 5-7 p.m. Wethersfield Broad Street Green

Movie on the Green WSPC Event

Friday, September 30, 2016 5:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic - DJ, Games and Movie! Wethersfield Broad Street Green

KEANE ON KIDS

Beginning September 6, 2016

After School Programs

See Town of Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Brochure for Individual Programs

COVE SIDE CARNIVAL

Cove Park Wethersfield October 14, 15, and 16, 2016

FREE SATURDAY BASKETBALL

December 3, 10, 17 January 7, 14, 21, 28 February 4, 11, 18, 25 March 4, 11, 18, 25

Grades K-3: 10:30-12 noon Grades 4-6: 12:30-2 p.m. Grades 7 and 8: 2-3:30 p.m. 9/11 Memorial Sports Center Gym

KIDS VACATION DAY

Holiday Vacation Week

Wednesday, December 28, 2016 9/11 Memorial Sports Center

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Our Website has a new look and feel! Many thanks to Web Designer Peter Amato who has donated his time and talent (http://www.amatowebdesign.com/). Also check FB (Facebook) regularly for all the latest Keane Foundation events and information.

8th Annual Keane Foundation Cove Side Carnival! October 14, 15 &16, 2016

Mark those calendars now!

he Cove Side Carnival is coming back for the 8th year! Come and enjoy exciting rides, scrumptious food, old-fashioned games and our Adult Beer Garden! Unlike other carnivals or fairs, it is always Free Admission and Free Parking.

The Carnival has become an annual destination for children, families, teenagers and adults! Come spend the afternoon, evening or both, where you will find something for everyone!

8th Annual Cove Side Carnival

October 14, 15 & 16, 2016

Purchase a full day pass for all the rides. Join us this year for a fun weekend!

Carnival hours are Friday evening 5-10 p.m., Saturday 12 noon-10 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon-6 p.m. Sponsors and Volunteers are welcome to help the Carnival run efficiently. Please contact Judy Keane 860-563-3387 for more information.

Kids Vacation Days

popular Keane Foundation activity is the Kids Vacation Days, with many children signing up for one day of each school vacation. The day begins with toddler's activities like tunnel games or parachute games. 4-7 Year olds move on to Freeze Tag, Kick Ball and Basketball, and 8 and older kids get to use the computer room, play Dodge Ball, Street Hockey and of course Basketball. Watch for the Kids Vacation Days this year on **December 28, 2016** (Christmas Vacation) and April 12, 2017 (Spring Vacation).

Movie Night

Wethersfield Elementary Schools Parent Council and The Keane Foundation present:

MOVIE NIGHT is on September 30, 2016 No Rain Date this Year! Wethersfield Broad Street Green 5:30 pm - Bring Your Own Picnic and enjoy

the DJ and Games. Movie time is at dusk!



Finesse with Fitness

dults and children age 9 and over can use the Fitness Room equipment (treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, etc.), once they have completed the Fitness 101 Class. A Shower is also available for use. For information or to schedule a Fitness 101 class, call the Community Center at 860-721-2950.



E Open Gym on Saturday!

FREE Basketball on Saturdays for boys and girls at the 9/1 Memorial Sports Center. Open gym days will be for "Pick-up" games of basketball only, not for team practice. Boys and girls are invited to play, however, supervisors will determine the division of play. Families are encouraged to drop in and enjoy a game together as well. See the Fall Parks and Recreation Brochure for more information.

Saturdays

December 3, 10, 17 January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25 March 4, 11, 18, 25

Basketball. Dodgeball, Kickball, Wiffleball, Hockey

This schedule is subject to change. Cancellations will be posted on the Northeast door when needed.

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon Grades K - 2 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Grades 3 - 6 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Grades 7 - 8

The program is Free, all participants must have a signed permission slip when dropped off, children without the permission slip will not be permitted to play. All children must be picked up at the time that their age group finishes play.





5 Fall/Winter Newsletter insert and keep! 🖈

NEW! Keane on Kids After School Enrichment Programs

fter much collaboration and hard work, the newly developed Keane on Kids After School Enrichment Programs will launch this fall, working in partnership with Richard M. Keane Foundation, Wethersfield Parks and Recreation, the Wethersfield School and Parent Committee, the individual Elementary School PTO's, the Wethersfield Public Schools, and the Tri Town YMCA.

Keane on Kids After School Enrichment Programs vision is to consistently provide a variety of After School Enrichment programs at all Wethersfield Elementary Schools in a safe and fun environment in which children can participate in athletic, academic, and social programs with the support and guidance of caring adults.

Children at all Wethersfield Elementary Schools are welcome to participate. Registration for each activity is through the Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Department. Those who are preregistered in the Keane on Kids After School Enrichment program can start their homework and enjoy a chosen activity for an hour after dismissal time. Children may sign up for one day or multiple days (depending upon program availability at each individual school).

The Keane on Kids After School Enrichment Coordinator, Caroline Fazzina, has designed programs specific to each schools needs, and they will vary seasonally at each school. In addition there will be a coordinator at each school who will greet the children, ensure that the program runs smoothly, and monitor safe dismissal at the end of the program.

Sign up Now! The Keane on Kids After School Program will begin running it's Fall programs the week of September 6th. They will run for a various number of weeks, depending on the type of program, and will all wrap up right before the Christmas holiday.

Watch for the Fall Parks and Recreation brochure in the Rare Reminder in late August. Online registration will be available on the Parks and Recreation website after August 31 (www.wethersfieldct.com/recreation).







Golf Tournament Swings into Action!

t was a windy day this year for the Golf Tournament, but that did not discourage our wonderful players! Once again the UNICO Italian grilled lunch was delicious and the Country Club dinner was superb! Many thanks to Scot Haney who hosted the annual action and to all who made it a special day!

Special thanks to all the people who make this event happen every year - our wonderful UNICO partner, our many sponsors and volunteers, golfers and the great Wethersfield Country Club staff. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament stay in the community through UNICO scholarships and Keane Foundation programs. Special thanks to all of those who came out to play and support us each year!

RUNNING CLUBS have the benefit of 5K FUN!

he Keane Foundation in collaboration with Wethersfield Parks and Recreation again brought Spring and Fall Running Clubs to all five Wethersfield Elementary Schools for children in Grades 3-6. The program encourages children of all running abilities to develop their endurance, set goals, and promote self-esteem. Children progress from their current level to completing a 5K (3.1 miles).

Fall 2016's Running Club participants will prepare for the Mikey's Place 5K on October 16 ... registration forms will be available at Wethersfield Parks and Recreation website. or in person at the Recreation Offices at Town Hall or at the Community Center. Sign up early, as the program will start the first week of school!







Keane Foundation Gives Back to the Community

s The Keane Foundation goes into our 15th year of enrichment programs for children in the community, we have chosen to support other programs whose mission is similar to the Keane Foundation's Mission. (The Mission of the Richard M. Keane Foundation is to support, sustain, and develop programs for the community that will offer sports, fitness, educational and recreational programs.) Community organizations with a program that needs support should visit our website for details.

Grants awarded this Spring:

Wethersfield High School – Wethersfield Studies program in cooperation with the Wethersfield Historical Society Silas Deane Middle School – Intramurals Program After School

Hanmer School PTO - Hartford Symphony Orchestra interactive and collaborative performance

Hanmer School PTO – Dance and fitness hip hop program All Schools/WSPC - Annual movie night on the Broad Street Green 9/30/16 for Elementary School families Senior Center - Summer Chair Yoga

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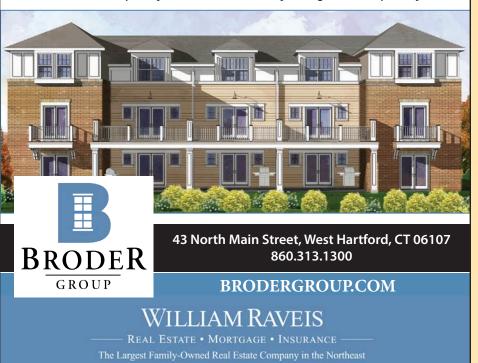
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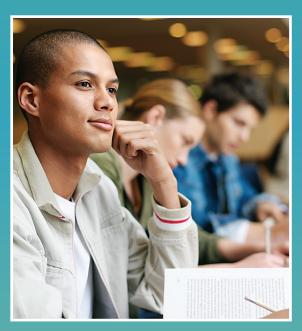
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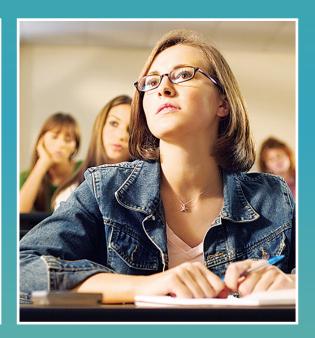
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Making math fun

Russian School of Mathematics blends arithmetic with analytical thinking at an early age

by Mark Jahne

Editor

f one spends more than five minutes talking with Christopher Green, one will quickly realize that he has an unbridled passion for mathematics. It's probably a good passion to have for a man who is principal of the Russian School of Mathematics.

The school, which operated for the past three years in Rocky Hill, recently moved to new and larger space at 862 Silas Deane Highway. The K-12 curriculum is focused exclusively on math.

RSM seeks to develop children not just into top math students, but lifelong thinkers. It is an award-winning after-school program based upon the best practices of advanced math schools in Russia and Europe, adapted to the U.S. education environment.

The school has 23 branches in eight states that educate more than 10,000 students on an annual basis. It is in the process of acquiring official New England accreditation. The

firmly believe that a strong foundation in math is the key to achieving the best overall education.

The primary concept is that a math curriculum should be based upon understanding, not memorization. In Russia, students must prove

"We look to expose them early. It's our own unique curriculum."

- Principal Christopher Green

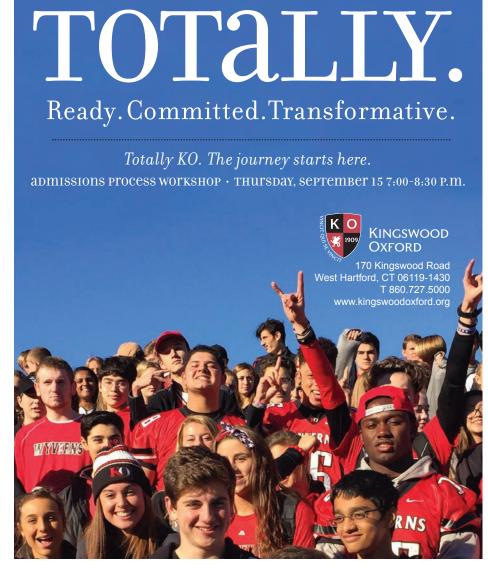
only other Connecticut location is in Stamford and there is a total of 450 students between the two sites.

RSM was founded by parent Inessa Rifkin and teacher Irina Khavinson. This pair of immigrants every mathematical formula and rule – simply stating from memory that 2+2=4 is not enough.

Students are taught to ask questions because this helps them develop logic, reasoning and prob-









lem-solving skills. Those who attend RSM leave with the ability to solve problems through reason, logic and abstract thinking.

Principal Christopher Green grew up in nearby Berlin and is a graduate of Harvard University. He was first introduced to the Russian style of teaching math prior to his freshman year of high school when he attended the Russian Math Camp (now Camp Sunapee) in New Hampshire.

After working for three years at the Advanced Math and Science Academy in Marlborough, Mass., as a teacher, curriculum consultant and SAT tutor, he joined the teaching staff of RSM, where he provided instruction in algebra and geometry for students in grades 4-9.

"I enjoyed math as a subject," he said. "But things felt rushed in the classroom. I really wish I had a program like this when I was a kid."

Green came to the conclusion while still a student that learning math could be much more fulfilling that merely following worksheets. He took honors-level classes and that only fueled his desire to learn more.

He is a firm believer that the American linear system of teaching mathematics for several years and then introducing algebra is not the best approach, while adding that public school math instruction has improved in recent years. Algebra should be included with other math concepts at a much younger age, as early as first or second grade, he said.

Studies have shown that children can handle abstract concepts at a younger age than previously believed, he added.

"It really helps everybody," he said. "Arithmetic is a very rote pro-

cess" and stresses memorization more than thinking skills. By comparison, algebra uses a mathematical model to reach a solution.

"We look to expose them early. It's our own unique curriculum. It's not throwing a seventh grade algebra book at a first-grader," Green added.

"What we're trying to do is give them a really deep understanding of algebra and geometry. The key is to bring them along in a way that's connected."

RSM students tend to be youths who are looking for more than what they receive in typical public school math classes. Many of them come from cultures that place a high value on educational excellence.

"We have a lot of immigrant students," Green said.

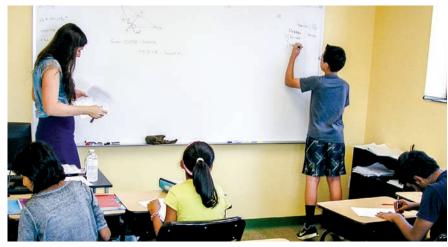
Russian educators have long been among the top math teachers in the world. They place the emphasis of their teaching on taking a problem-solving approach, he added.

"If you look around the world at all the top university math teachers, you see Russians," he said.

RSM spent three years in Rocky Hill before outgrowing its space there. Green said it attracts students from all over the state. Evening and weekend classes are offered as well as a six-week summer program. He enjoys watching the students build skills and gain confidence.

"If they put in the work, they can really take off. We poured a ton of resources into a curriculum that's K through 12," he added.

Green emphasized that he does not believe his school is in competition with area public school districts, but rather a complement to their instruction.



Students are encouraged to display their work on the large whiteboard at the front of each classroom. At left is head teacher Jenny Green.

He cited statistics indicating that children who excel in math often enjoy greater earnings in their future careers. The RSM approach enables them to analyze a problem and then solve it. Staff make it a point to fully explain all of the concepts they teach.

Class sizes usually range from eight to 12 students. There are 10 teachers at the Wethersfield location and students have a choice of as many as 50 or 60 different classes. Homework is part of the curriculum.

Christopher's wife Jenny Green is the head teacher and coordinates the other staff. A math major with a degree from Emory University, she also writes testing materials.

"I teach all nine classes to the teachers. I teach a lot of the kids, too," she said. "We get the students to learn algebra at a young age. Our classes are really interactive. It's above and beyond what the schools around here are doing."

There are three levels of classes for each grade.

Jenny Green said it is not as important that students memorize

certain results as it is that they fully understand the steps that led to these results. While the best outcomes can be achieved with younger students, older ones will benefit as well, particularly on the Scholastic Aptitude Test that is part of the college admissions process.

"We have eighth-graders already getting 700s on their SATs," she said.

A perfect score on this portion of the test is 800. According to information displayed in the school's lobby, the average American student scores 518 on the math SAT. Those who studied at the Russian School of Mathematics boast an average score of 774.

Most students attend RSM once a week for classes that are two hours in duration. The cost per class ranges from \$20 to \$25 per hour. Parents are encouraged to call to schedule their child for a free math evaluation. **WL**

To learn more call 860-952-2002 or visit russianschool.com. Click "Rocky Hill" under location, the website has not yet been changed to reflect the move.







Winning under the sun

Dale brings home Special Olympics gold medal

by Mark Jahne

Editor

ost people go to the Caribbean to relax under the tropical sun. David Dale went there

Dale was one of three people from town who participated in the Special Olympics St. Kitts/Nevis National Games. They were part of the Connecticut contingent to the games and participated in the track and field portion of the competition.

Dale, 19, won the gold medal in the 400-meter run. Then, he combined with Unified Sports partner Casey Casasanta to finish third in the 4x100 unified relay.

Longtime resident Bob Chellstorp also participated and received a bronze medal for the 100meter run.

Team members visited with volunteers, sponsors, schools and government officials who support Special Olympics St. Kitts-Nevis and were honored at a special reception at the Governor General's house. This trip and the SOCT-SOSKN Program Partnership are partially funded through the Christmas



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Special Olympics Connecticut has been a U.S.–Caribbean Program Partner with Special Olympics St. Kitts-Nevis since 2011.

It was Dale's first visit to the Caribbean and only his second time on an airplane. He called the entire trip was a wonderful experience, but admitted to missing his family.

"It was a lot of fun," he said.
"That was my first time out of the country."

The weather was hot and humid, but that didn't stop him from winning his race. He has captured gold medals



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"He's a joy to have as a student. He's hard working, diligent, polite [and] always gives his best effort."

- Leslie Ledoux

before, but this one was special.

"It felt really good," he said.

The people were friendly, the food was good and the group enjoyed hiking, beach outings and day trips in their free time. Their stop at the Governor General's house afforded them the opportunity to view a masquerade party.

They also went dancing and Dale was delighted to learn that Michael Jackson's music is popular on St. Kitts. Another interesting stop was at a flea market.

"My favorite part of the trip was going to the beaches," he said.

WHS special education teacher Leslie Ledoux said Dale participated in swimming and therapeutic recreation at school. He also enjoys swimming in the family pool.

Dale ran with local police officers June 9 as part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics.

He recently graduated with the WHS Class of 2016. Next year, he will move on to the school district's Transition Academy. He plans to continue his athletic endeavors with both Special Olympics and basket-

Ledoux praises him as a model student and fine young man. She has been his teacher for the past two years and is convinced that he will excel at the academy.

"He's going to do so well there. He's an excellent student," she said. "He's a joy to have as a student. He's hard working, diligent, polite [and] always gives his best effort." WL

Back to School



David Dale, wearing a baseball cap, and fellow Wethersfield team members Casey Casasanta and Bob Chellstorp take a trip to the beach with their of hosts from St. Kitts.

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Anyone for field hockey?

New youth league forms in town to promote the sport

by Mark Jahne

Editor

been a sports-oriented town, with many children involved in soccer, basketball, swimming, baseball, football and more. The newest addition to the pack is field hockey.

Organizers are ready to kick off the first season of Wethersfield Sticks, also known as Wethersfield Youth Field Hockey. Play begins in September and will continue through the end of October. WYFH is affiliated with USA Field Hockey, which helps with insurance and other matters.

Children in grades 3-8 are invited to register. The new league is open to both boys and girls, but because field hockey is historically a girl's game, all of those signed up

thus far are female.

Blaik Lisella is the president; her husband is one of the people who organized the new youth lacrosse league that completed its first season earlier this year. The mother of five is assisted by others including

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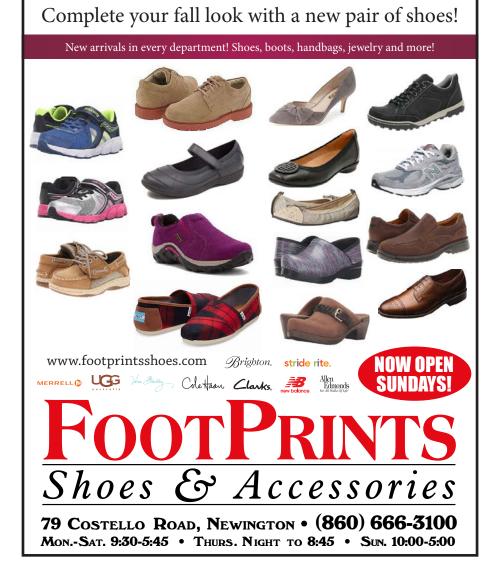
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Vice President Chris Sousa, Secretary Liz Messina and coach Evelyn DeVaux, captain of the Wethersfield High School field hockey squad.

"We had people who approached us to ask why we don't have this," Lisella said.

She acknowledged the popularity of soccer in town while pointing out that girls can play both sports if they want. The same is true for lacrosse players. Field hockey is being operated as a recreational league, not a competitive sport.

"It's not as big a commitment as travel soccer," Sousa said.

Lisella spoke of her 12-year-old daughter, who can't wait for play to

"She started lacrosse and it was such a good experience, she dove into field hockey," she said.

"Part of the gym curriculum now [in schools] is cross-training," Sousa said. "All of our girls fell in love with lacrosse."

Children are being encouraged to play different sports rather than focusing exclusively upon one sport 12 months a year. Lisella added that recreational soccer has all but disappeared from town and not every child wants to play the more competitive travel brand.

> "We pushed to spread it through word of mouth. The parents are just so excited."

> > - Blaik Lisella

"There's a ton of value to kids coming home from school and getting off the bus and playing," Messina said.

DeVaux agreed with her.

"I play three different varsity sports. The first time I ever held a field hockey stick was going into freshman year," she said.

She is also on the WHS basketball and track and field squads.



Evelyn DeVaux, left, of the high school varsity team, shows two players some of the skills they need to learn.

All of these women said the high school would greatly benefit from a program that teaches children the skills they need at a young age and enables them to hone those skills as they gain experience. The WHS team struggled when it was first formed because nobody had that background.

"A feeder program like this would help," Sousa said.

"You can get out there and learn," Lisella added.

DeVaux said the first few years saw many more defeats than victories but the WHS team's record improved each year and it is much more competitive now. She sees the sport gaining in popularity and noted that people are starting to show up to watch the games.

She added that the early teams consisted mostly of girls who couldn't make the soccer team. They had to learn the game from scratch.

"When I played, it was a default," Lisella said.

She looks forward to field hockey becoming a positive choice.

The new league held free clinics on Thursdays during the month of July. That gave the organizers an idea how many girls are interested in the sport and encouraged them to move forward with their plans.

'We pushed to spread it through word of mouth. The parents are just so excited," Lisella said.

"The athletic director at the high school is excited about it, too," Sousa added.

"A lot of girls on the field hockey team have younger siblings," DeVaux said.

All of them thanked WHS coach Colleen Budaj for providing the initial equipment. The cost for children to participate has been set on a sliding scale, with most paying around \$150. WYFH is a private organization and is not affiliated with Wethersfield Parks and Recreation.

Field hockey has undergone a significant change in recent years. Originally played on grass, all games are now conducted on artificial turf. Lisella said some games will be held on the WHS turf field and other locations are being investigated.

"The town will give us two or three games on the high school turf," she said. "We need to do fund raising" to rent other fields. Business sponsorships would be appreciated to help pay for field rental.

Players will be grouped in three divisions: Mini Sticks for grades 3-4, Juniors for grades 5-6 and Seniors for grades 7-8. Mini Sticks is designed in a clinic format to teach basic skills.

Juniors and Seniors will play games against teams from other towns. Lisella has consulted with Leigh Kumpa, who organized a youth hockey league in West Hartford eight years ago, for advice



Clinic participants line up for a drill.

and guidance.

"We're committed to being an instructional league," Lisella said.

The first practice is tentatively schedule for Sept. 1. DeVaux encourages any parent or child who wants to learn more about the game to come to the Eagles home opener at 5:45 p.m. Sept. 13. WL For more information call 860-966-0111 or visit wethersfieldsticks.com or wethersfieldfieldhockey.com. WYFH can also be found on Facebook at Wethersfield Field Hockey Club.

Students named to honor roll at middle school

The following students were named to the third trimester honor roll at Silas Deane Middle School

Grade 7

High Honors

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Gabriela Villagra, Victoria Villagra, Taylor Wallowitz, Julia Ward, Devon Whelchel, Xavier White, Riley Wilhelm, Emily Wolf, Nazanin Zaer, Ella Zagaja, Brendan Zaleski, Zachary Zurzola and Natalie Zwick.

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Thomas Aglieco, Loren Agolli, Adelyne Andino, Dana Andrews, Ali Assi, Joseph Balut, Nadia Baroni, Enea Beda, Lynn Blot, Audrey Buccheri, Dominic Butler, Alejandro Caldas, Anthony Carbo, Lucas Cardoso, Christopher Cicco, William Civitello, Danny Cruz, James Darby, Richard Darrell, Alecia Dicenso, Dimitrios Dimisianos, Mehmedina Duric, Darnell Ellison, Kyle Esoian, Andrew Gardon, Gianna Garro, Anna Hart, Noah Haskins, Erik Huffman, Macy Jackson, Sally Jorge, Nathan Kitson, Luke Latina, Sean Lawrence, Gracie Leahy, Samuel Logan, Max Luna, Samuele Marchio, Brendan Martin, Madison Martinez, Admir Masic, Chase Millen, Francesco Moline, Sean Moquin, Ethan Moreschi, Paige Muscillo, Anis Nurkic, John O'Leary, Shiv Patel, Matthew Patkoske, Daniel Pellegrino, Christopher Pinchera, Sam Poku, Joseph Raposo, Aloysius Rebeiro, Shannon Reilly, Ivan Ren, Ethan Rocheleau, Amanda Roeder, Amelia Rokes, Alanis Rosario, Julius Sanchez, Dominic Sansabrino, Giancarlo Santapaola, Isabella Sanzo, Morgan Sargis, Daniel Scheuermann, Robert Schiavone, Adam Schlapfer, Michael Schneider, Quinn Shive, Janelle Stefanski, Rory Stickley, Matthew Tine, Jenna Toce, Franco Tomaino, Joyce Torres, Vasilios Tsipouras, Oscar Velasco, Amra Velic, Burapon Wittayarat and Odin Wunder.

Grade 8 High Honors

Arden Adamo, Alexis Almada, Basel Altows, Leah Ayers, Matthew Bagdasarian, Hailey Baranowski, Sarah Bello, Kaitlynn Bertucio, Dhanraj Bhoj, Max Bongiovanni, Sydney Bowers, Katherine Bridges, Gaelen Brodeur, Erin Brush, Justin Burchell, Krisztina Buzas, Stefania Calafiore, Amanda Carmel, Sarah Carmel, Joseph Cassineri, Citlalli Chavez-Aguilar, Rachel Cloutier, Patrick Codeanne, Joseph Coleman, Michaela Collins, Kayla Condon, Grace Conneely, Serena Console, Tiffany Cope, Gianna Cormier, Kelsey Crandall, Paige DiCiccio, Fiona Dinneen, Jessica Driscoll, Michael Dunn, Kyle Edman, Emily Fazzina, Kaitlyn Fischer, Jessica Garcia, Rachel Gopaul, Michelle Guerard, Edina Hamidovic, Mia Healy, Christopher Heavren, Alison Ho, Kristina Hoda, Braedon Hook, Mariela Interian, Alden Johnson, Mia Jones, Clarence Jubac, Dylan Kallicharan, Nikolas Kallicharan, Megan Kelleher, Alice Kelly, Genevieve Kirsche, Zoe Kleeblatt, Caroline Klinger, Ryan Koplin, Frederick Krol, Aaron Ky, Cameron Ky, Kort Lambrecht, Hayden Laske, Kiara Lazu, Lillian Lee, Abigail Lemaire, Lauren Lesser, Matthew Lipka, Nathan Loura, Cristina Lynch, Charlotte Magel, Audrey Mainville, Elizabeth Malicki, William Malizia, Yulduz Mamedova, Joseph Meredith, Chase Miller, Robert Misseri, Olivia Morais, Caitlin Nardella, Tam Nguven, Nicole Nocida, Clarissa Nock, Kerianne O'Brien, Morgan O'Donnell, Bethany Ostergren, Katerina Pantaleo, Cameron Partridge, Hemil Patel, Nainishaben Patel, Mya Pellegrino, Maria Pena, Nikos Petropoulos, Katherine Pierce, Jocelyn Pinero, Luciano Quagliaroli, Isabella Rende, Abigail Riberio, Isaac Rios, Kendra Rivera, John Rumley, Matthew Ryan, Eric Scheuermann, Matthew Silver, Reece Skelly, Abigail Slemmer, Tanner Slesinski, Connor Stahl, Lauren Strong, Samantha Strong, Hannah Sullivan, Rebecca Sullivan, Zane Tinker, Kelsey Tranberg, Antonia Vardal, Kassandra Vazquez-Felipe, Xiomara Villacorta,

Carsyn Viner, Christine Vittner-

Ouellette, Grace Weaver, Tyler Wolf and Paige Zuidema.

General Honors

Sarmin Alikavazovic, Danielle Alvarenga, Alexander Amado, Zachary Amado, Lucas Amoroso-Whittles, Kyle Anderson, Adrian Anglero, Bryce Arnold, Taylor Ayers, Nicholas Babineau, Owen Barnett, Julia Baroni, Samantha Bassell, Christina Bean, Sarita Bishop, Dominic Bosco, Brianna Boucher, Sydney Breard, Stephanie Breglio, Brandon Bukowski, Alexander Buyak, Amanda Colon, Robert Cook, Isabella Costa, Emma Daly, Arup Das, Haley Dellafera, Eric Denz, Andrew Desrochers, Sean Donahue, Justin Dumdum, Madisun Dunn, Abigail Dupont, Nathaniel Estifanos, Tatyanna Feliciano, Brendan Flynn, Nafeeza Gafoor, Brianna Garcia, Samuel Garcia, Antonio Garro, Francesco Gionfriddo, Gabriel Gomes, Jillian Gray, Nicole Gwynn, Jack Healy, Jordan Hickey, Sydney Hock, Hailey Hodsen, Alexa Indomenico, Michael Irace, Daniel Jimenez, Neil Jitlall, Andre Jorge, Kyliegh Joyce, Max Karkos, Abigail Keane, Ellie Kieselback, Kayla Klavins, Rei Koni, Zerina Korkutovic, Jack Kurtz, Mary LeConche, Logan Lichatz, Grace Mackiewicz, Abigail Malizia, Michael Malizia, Thais Mantilla, Andrea Martinez, Kira McCarty, Taylor McGeachy, Nicholas McGrath, Evan McNeice, Ava Minichino, Kieran Moller, Samuel Odell, John Orsini, Connor Pace, Gabriel Perdomo, Janelly Perez, Joseph Porriello, Damira Rahmic, Emma Rakus, Atif Raza, Samantha Ritter, Jacob Rivera, Raul Rodriguez, Nicolle Rojas Puertas, Ryan Salemi, Taylor Sapere, Gianluca Scata, Conor Senk, John Shamo, Kaitlyn Sousa, Matthew Stearns, Adriana Szkirka, Kendrick Thaver, Joesill Torres, Kevin Torres, Dylan Vega, Olivia Washington, Tyren Watt, Mark Zocco and Dylan Zuerblis. **WL**

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Wethersfield **Dollars for Scholars** held its annual golf tournament Aug. 8 at Wethersfield Country Club. A full complement of golfers turned out to enjoy a day on the links, followed by a sumptuous dinner, all to support this longrunning charitable endeavor.













Dollars for Scholars

1. Having fun after the tournament are, from left, Mayor Paul Montinieri, Audrey Saharek, Lori Willin and Bill Quirk. Saharek and Willin are co-presidents of Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars. 2. This photo display recalled the awards night held earlier this year. 3. Board of Education members Matthew Forrest and Barbara "Bobbie" Granato were among the golfers. 4. Tournament organizers and Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars board members include, from left, Tim Tuell, Lori Willin, Maureen Horowitz and Michele Lavoie. 5. Jeffrey Katz of Walgreens donated goodie bags for each of the more than 100 golfers. 6. Board members who helped coordinate the raffle included Linda Wood, left, and Gerlyn Drake. 7. Friends, from left, Nancy Lamb Pilarski, Cris Walsh, Sara Felter and Lisa Bowman were a foursome on the course and at the dinner table.

Business notes

Annie Dillon of **William Raveis Real Estate**, Mortgage & Insurance, was named to the Chairman's Elite Club for being among the company's Top 100 producers. She received the honor based on her sales volume of \$11,836,216 for 2015. She has been a sales associate in the firm's Wethersfield office for more than 10 years.

Aprille Soderman of William Raveis Real Estate, Mortgage & Insurance, was named to the President's Club for being among the company's Top 300 producers. She received the honor based on her sales volume of \$5,736,475 for 2015. Soderman has been a sales associate in the firm's Wethersfield office for more than 10 years.

The International Institute of Cosmetology, with campuses in Wethersfield and Plainville, announced that its graduates attained the highest Cosmetology State Board Exam scores in the state, with an average score of 92.97 percent for 2015 and a 100 percent pass rate on the exam since opening its doors in 2002.

Samantha Cusano, funeral director and embalmer at the **D'Esopo Funeral Chapel**, recently completed 31 contact hours of specialized embalming and reconstructive training as part of the Fountain National Academy's Embalming Skills Seminar in Springfield, Mo. This seminar focused on highly specialized surgical and reconstructive techniques.

Former National Football League player Eli Joseph has joined **Weichert, Realtors – the Zubretsky Group** as a Realtor. Joseph played with the Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Atlanta Falcons and Chicago Bears. Former professional ballplayer Chris DeMorais also joined the Zubretsky Group as a Realtor. He was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2014 amateur draft.

Staff at **Beaver Brook Animal Hospital** was recently certified by the Fear Free training program for learning how to ease the stress, fear and anxiety dogs and cats feel when visiting the veterinarian. They learned how to modify their procedures, handling and facility to make pets feel safe and comfortable while receiving care. Certification came only after staff completed an eight-part course and exam. Continuing education is also required.

Massaro Wealth Management, an independent wealth management firm with

Money Concepts Cap. Corp. as its broker-dealer, moved its regional office from the Silas Deane Highway in Rocky Hill to 75 Garden St. in Old Wethersfield. Joseph J. Massaro, a certified financial planner advisor, just celebrated 20 years of service with Money Concepts Capital and focuses his business on providing comprehensive financial planning for high net worth individuals, couples and small businesses. **WL**





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High school students qualify for honor roll

The following students were named to the honor roll for the fourth marking period at Wethersfield High School.

High Honors

Grade 9

Zoe Adams, Jordan Adduci, Aiden Ademi, Ajla Ahmetovic, Vanessa Ajodhi, Dino Alihodzic, Hope Allen, Chase Anderson-Birdsall, Allison Appel, Kate Ayers, Mark Bagdasarian, Justin Biraci, Alec Capasso, Natalie Casertano, Kacia Claffey-Hesseltine, Marissa Colangelo-Deluca, David Colon, Auna Foster, Abigail Francis, Kathryn Galusha, Katherine Ginter, Amayia Giscombe, Sarah Gordon, Lucyne Grigorian, Anthony Guerrera, Aliza Gul, Jeremy Halla, Liam Harrington, Shannon Hattie, Holden Hoon, Julia Hughes, Matthew Iallonardo, Luke Johnson, Kylie Judson, Brian Kanya, Jared Kauffman, Gabrielle Klementon, Agron Konjusha, Anthony Ky, Jacob Lepore, Leah Lin, Joshua Malizia, Emily McKenna, Tanya Messenger, Anthony Milluzzo, Emma Moore, Kenan Mujic, Nicole Murphy, Jenesis Ortiz, Sasha Parmanand, Foram Patel, Madison Patkoske, Alyssa Pearce, Marina Pernoi, Emily Raffalo, Wilmer Rivera-Ortiz, Jenna Sanzo, Isabella Scandura, John Schiavone, Masala Solinis, Jaedyn Stanescki, Katherine Stearley, Kaitlyn Swoverland, Ariana Tessier, Micaela Uccello, Elizabeth Veilleux, Angelica Velez, Connor Wallowitz, Haley Whelchel, Shun Wong, Mei Xue, Christina Yanaros and Ryan

Grade 10

Elena Anderson, Nicholas Arcata, Emma Augustine, Brendan Barry, Shawn Bertucio, Safiye Boluk, AnnaJane Brown, Eric Bucknam, Rebecca Buonopane, Ling Chi, Isabel Correa, Justin Cruz, Stephanie DeCarli, Thomas Dowd, Adnan Fejzic, Julia Feliciano, Jessica Garofalo, Lily Gaunt, Amanda Gilbert, Tyler Gomes, Joshua Gray, Brian Heavren, Nathan Hrdy, Gabriela Interian, Camden Johnson, Devon Kleeblatt, Caroline Logan, Juliana Mandile, Malena Mandile, Heather Mayo, Maria Moldovan, Atlee Myers, James O'Connor, Anna O'Neil, William Odell, Rahman Osmanovic, Leah Ostergren, Micaela Pereyra, Jessica Pratt, Sara Puglielli, Jane Rumley, Nilshali Sanchez, Brianna Santilli, Veronica Sardaryan, Rachel Sargis, Joseph Scheuermann, Jason Sharp, Tessa Slesinski, Tyler Stout, James Sullivan, Kaleigh Sullivan, Wing Sze, Alexandra Talarczyk, Megan Tonucci, Amanda Tougas, Victoria Tucker, Victoria Whitaker, Triniti White, Rachel Wilson and Karolina Wlaz.

Grade 11

Lily Bello, Taylor Bradley, Victoria Brazel, Jack Breton, Chianna Calafiore, Anna Cannata, Mariana Carcia, Jacob Colbath, Andrew Console, Caroline Coyne, Megan Darrell, JinTao Feng, Kyle Flynn, Lindsey Gordon, Emilie Gray, Idalis Irizarry, Matthew Jablonka, Matthew Keefe-Stefanik, Kelly Lamo, Lynne Landers, Marissa Landry, Jordan Laske, Timothy Laurito, Sarah Lawler, Kerry Lindquist, Justin Michaud, Amiel Monasterial, Kate Parker, Emma Peak, Braden Plant, Brianna Platania, Madison Raposo, Jessica Roberts, Samantha Rosa, Joyce Santos, Andrew Sanzaro, Alyssa Schroll, Nora Serrao, Hsa Shee, Trisha Signorello, Gabriela Silva, Jessica Sitler, Jacklyn Snide, Morgan Tanguay, Sabrina Torres, Sarina Tucker, Olivia Tyler, Samantha Urban, Jocelyn Wilcox and Yiqian Zhuo.

Grade 12

Kris Agolli, Madison Albright, Lauren Arienzale, Claudia Barone, Alexander Bartis, Luis Bolorin, Vincenzo Bongiovanni, Andrea Bucknam, Dilan Cabral, Julian Campbell, Lauren Cardenas, Alexandria Casertano, Nicholas Cusano, Leiah Cutkomp, David Dale, Abigail Davis, Christina DeAngelo, Emma Detrick, Alyssa DiFiore, Carter Dizes, Stephanie Emmanuel, Rosmarie Faienza, Katerina Ficara, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Katherine Flynn, Sophie Fortunato, Pierre Franklin, Kacev Friedman, Taylor Galusha, Dareca Garib, Taylor Garrey, Sawyer Gaunt, Emily Gjuzi-Pantaleon, Brenden Griffith, Peter Hahn, Destini Hall, Natalie Heavren, Rebecca Hine, Megan Hoisl, Andrew Hrdy, Nick Huynh, Alexis Irizarry, Roxanne Jacobs, Jacob Johnson, Redona Karamanaj, Tate Knapp, Leonie Koellmer, Hazim Korkutovic, Katherine Lamberti, Benjamin Lepo, Caroline Logozzo, Adam Lynch, Anna Mayo, Sydney Mercier, Abigale Monasterial, Connie Nguyen, Grace Nichols, Andrew Nicki, Ansley Nix, Hailey Olesen, Carissa Peckrul, Navarre Pratt, Gabriela Rizzo-Velez, Gina Santapaola, Venezio Santoro, Jessie Sanzo, Daniel Schroeder, Taylor Scutari, Brianna Shive, Diana Sitnik, Joseph Sottile, Colin Stewart, Meaghan Szilagyi, Alyssa Tonucci, Allison Weed, Karol Wroblewski and Michelle Yanaros.

Honors

Grade 9

Mark Accarpio, Matthew Accarpio, Ashley Anduha, Alec Arnold, Allison Ayers, Sedina Begic, Monica Bongiovanni, Madison Bradbury, Ajalon Brereton, Mairead Breton, Gabriella Casale, Joshua Chamberland, Madison Cipolla, Danielle Colbath, Paige Contenta, Kayla Cruz, Austin DellaFera, Tyler DellaFera, Cenia Diluvio, Brianna Dreger, Afton Dyjak, Katharine Edwards, Cameron Elliott, Craig Elliott, James Errickson, Annisa Ferguson, Fritz Aguiar, David Garcia, Deandre Garib, Sofia Giarratana, Riley Grenier, Zeeshan Haider, Rachel Hall, Nicholas Hetherman, Tea Hima, Tai Huynh, Luca Isaila, Madeline Johnson, Anna Kallajian, Arber Karamanaj, Megan Keleher, Luke Kelleher, Kavi Khadar, Brooke Kycia, Nathan Labbe, Matthew Laurie, Yasmin Lazu, Gavin Lippitt, Emily Litke, Michael Manousos, Calista Margiotta, Patrick Martin, Sarah Maya, Lauren McAlister, Melisa Mirzayev, Jacqueline Moquin, Lejla Muskic, Dylan Olesen, Sydney Ouellette, Jenna Pare, Daniel Parker, Kelvyn Perez, Taylor Pitchell, Chit Po, Alyssa Prosperi, Kevin Rascius, Nicholas Riccio, Erin Robles, Raul Rodriguez, Jacob Schlapfer, Dimitri





Shaposhnikov, Devon Sienna, Caleb Skowronek, Aidan Stec, Alexis Szymecki, Shantall Teran, John Tine, Rachel Vasel and Sophia Zagaja.

Lexarie Acosta, Mauro Alamo, Rachael Amoruso, Grant Anderson, Drin Berisha, Sabrina Berry, Alexander Bielak, Ashley Bilello, Zachary Bonfiglio, Austin Bovino, Rachel Bugella, Kendall Cathcart, Benjamin Cholewa, Julia Chrostowski, Joshua Cronkhite, Jessica Darby, Odalys DeJesus, Hannah Delvecchio, Joseph DiCioccio, Rossano DiGiacomo, Alexandra Dizes, Brendan Dowd, McKayla Dreger, Jacob Driscoll, Nathan Everett, Maricielo Fabian, Blake Fulton, Christine Gallares, Ismael Garcia, Kenneth Harrison, Tatiana Henry, Jonathan Hopkins, Samantha Johnson, Brian Kallajian, Alexis Kallicharan, Conor Keane, Caroline Kennedy, Petrit Kerci, Ethan Krol, Katrina Kurpaska, Christiano Labella, Irene Laramie, Samuel Lemaire, Henry Lopez, Timothy Malave, Katia

Malinguaggio, Hannah Martin, James Miller, Marlena Monroe, Lianna Montalvo, Julia Morrissey, Michael Mozzicato, Maya Mulholland, Lexi Munger, Filip Ogniewski, Andrew Pace, Peter Paruta, Jack Patrizzo, Chelsea Pinchera, Olivia Purinton, Jacqueline Reategui, Samuel Reichelt, Emma Rocheleau, Karen Rodriguez, Juliana Rosa, Mirnes Sabanovic, Kaitlyn Sargis, Isabella Schroeder, Sarah Scott, Kieran Senk, Brenna Shannahan, Ryan Skelly, Nathaniel Sommers, Will Stabach, Maura Stewart, Abigail Sullivan, Victoria Swanson, Alex Tawrel, Samuel Tenney, Nicole Teti, Addison Toner, Eric Torres, Kassandra Torres, Lucas Torres, Garrett Tougas, Vanessa Valle, Mallory Walker, Haley Weinberg, Emma Zaleski and Olivia Zurzola.

Grade 11

Kady Allen, Holly Babineau, Rachel Bahouth, Jeana Bruno, Melanie Burns, Jared Christensen, Audrey Coleman, Destiny Cruz, Avishek Das, Hannah Desrochers, Molly Desrochers, Fiona

Dunn, Vanessa Faienza, Jessalyn Figueroa, Breanna Flores, Maeve Foley, Dorris Gallari, Monique Gardon, Wandalie Gomez, Griffin Grabowski, Kaleigh Hart, Frances Hernandez, Jared Hill, Admir Hodzic, Kee Htoo, Lauren Hubschmitt, Kaitlyn Irace, Abimael Jimenez, Emily Kallajian, Alexander Kauffman, Kathleen Kerekes, Maggie Krawczyk, Amina Kuljancic, Megan Lauzon, Aleah Livingston, Erica MacLean, Nathan Minor, Emma Moller, Ashley Morrell, Allison Nargi, Aidan Nelson, Elvira Osmanovic, Andreva Patinha, Connor Peterson, Christian Prado, Zana Preniqi, Madeline Raffalo, Christopher Santos, Steven Santos, Richard Sipala, Aidan Sitler, Patrick Skelly, Austin Stefano, David Szymanowski, Lukas Szymecki, Bianca Tata, Ricardo Velez, Christian Venditti, Payton Viner and Jillian Zuidema.

Grade 12

Alicia Ademi, Sara Aguilar, Alyssa Ajodhi, Mediha Alihodzic, Briley Bartone, Alexandra Berry, Nicholas

Bialka, Zachary Birdsall, Summer Budaj, Micah Burnett, Rachel Caruk, Lillian Ciarletto, Matthew Colangelo, Zachary Confalone, Zoe Direnzo, Samuel Doffek, David Edwards, Thomas Erdman, Christina Faienza, Kristina Feliciano, Stephen Giannini, Aleysia Green, Daniel Griffin, Alexis Gwynn, Fatima Haider, Joshua Halla, Edin Hamidovic, Jacob Hickey, Nicholas Kallajian, Michael Kelly, Amanda Lamore, Paige Landers, Feng Lin, Brendan Livingston, Barbara Lombardo, Toryn Malone, Matthew Marena, Mitchell Marena, Julia Martin, Parker Maulucci, Matthew McAlister, Natalia Negron, Madelyn O'Connor, Hayley Orkins, Bhavya Patel, Kishan Patel, Ariana Persson, Michaela Ranniello, Andrew Reardon, Charles Renaud, Jose Rivera, Jared Salemi, Gabriella Scacca, Caroline Schryver, Jacob Skowronek, James Slayton, Devon Smith, Joshua Smith, Eric Stefano, Luke Surawski, Michael Trinh, Colin Tyler, Riggs Unajan, Gianmarco Venditti, Brian Vieira and Sara Wasserman. WL



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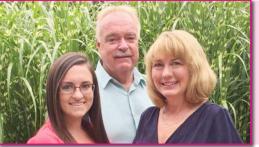
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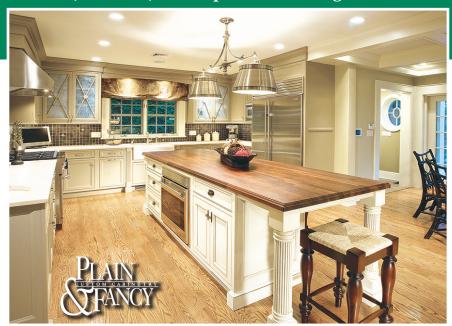
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Save a pet and save yourself, too

popular bumper sticker reads "Who saved who?" It refers to people who have decided to adopt an abandoned or otherwise available cat or dog and found it to be a wonderful, enriching experience.

Rescuing pets is becoming an increasingly popular activity. They might have been abused, or abandoned, or given up because their owners could no longer care for them. Perhaps someone developed an allergy to their fur or dander.

Whatever the reason, they went from homes into shelters and suddenly found themselves living in cages with a limited amount of attention from the human staff and volunteers.

They didn't do anything wrong, so they must wonder how they ended up in such a predica-

Pets provide such a great deal of warmth and joy. They are always affectionate, even when the people they live with are not. They offer unrequited love, a quality often hard to find in people. They can soothe us when we are sad and perk us up when we are sick.

The selection is not limited to cats and dogs. Visit the Connecticut Humane Society in

Newington on any given day and there may be exotic birds, rabbits, chinchillas and other animals available for the taking.

Puppies and kittens are cute and tend to be adopted more quickly, but there's nothing wrong with adopting an older or mixed breed pet. Some of them may have medical needs but can live long and happy lives with a certain amount of care.

Learning how to love and care for a pet is a wonderful experience for children. It's also nice for senior citizens who may benefit from having a four-legged companion around the house.

Speaking of seniors, how about adopting an older animal? They may not be as cute as the little ones, but they still have love to give. What a wonderful thing it is when someone rescues an older animal from a shelter or other organization and allows it to live out its remaining days in happiness and comfort.

The Connecticut Humane Society and other area shelters are always looking for families to give an animal a new "forever" home. Adopting a dog or cat may also prove a way to improve life for everyone in the home.

Who rescued who, indeed.

Letters

Will vote for Morin

To the Editor:

Russ Morin is a prime example of what's best in Wethersfield. In the time that he has represented our town as a Board of Education member, town councilor, mayor and now state representative, Russ works harder than anyone and he gets things

During our time together on council, Russ led the effort to clean up the cove, get our Cottone Field resurfaced, finished town hall, moved along several projects at Mill Woods Park and fully funded our schools and infrastructure. As our state representative at the capitol, he has worked to get our budget in line while still supporting those less fortunate who are falling through the safety nets.

Russ knows this first hand, as he volunteers at such organizations as South Park Inn, serving meals to our homeless broth-

ers and sisters, and as a board member of InterCommunity Mental Health, to name just a few organizations.

No one else running can represent our town better than Russ Morin. He not only works harder than anyone, he listens to us and produces results while using his town-bred common sense. We should vote him back to his job as state representative for another two years.

- Andrew Adil Editor's note: Adil is a former mayor

To the Editor:

It is with pleasure and conviction that I urge Wethersfield voters to reelect Russ Morin as the representative from the 28th District to the state legislature. I have known Russ and his wife, Grace, since they were students at Wethersfield High School.

Russ's commitment to his

family and his community has always defined him. As our representative, he was instrumental in securing funds for the current Wethersfield High School renovation. He joined with enthusiasts of Wethersfield athletics and helped bring lights to Cottone Field.

At Mill Woods, he honored one of Wethersfield's own and helped to fund Loretta's Dream. Russ's vision for Wethersfield is one we all share: a safe community of families and neighbors, excellent schools, outstanding facilities and responsive govern-

While I live in the small portion of Wethersfield that is not in Russ Morin's district, I would urge all of my fellow residents to vote for a man who has been dedicated to, and invested in, our town for his entire life. I would if I could.

- Cindy Greenblatt

People notes

Jacob Zapatka was named to the dean's list at Nichols College.

The following residents graduated from the University of Connecticut: Amela Fejzic, B.S., elementary education; Kenton Adeyem, B.A., economics; Nicholas Aguilar, B.S., accounting; Nana Ahiabli, BSE, electrical engineering; Semir Alihodzic, B.S, management information systems; Raisa Ballo, B.S., financial management; Samantha Beers, B.A., psychological sciences; Christopher Bonfiglio, B.S., sports management; Gregory Brodeur, B.S., finance; Anthony Callahan, B.A., economics; Sara Chilone, B.A., English; Lauren Gammie, B.A., human development and family studies; Laura Gionfriddo, B.A., human development and family studies; Kevin Hickey, B.S., elementary education; Zachary Hoffman, B.A., economics; Kimberly Loughery, B.S., marketing; Jared MacFarlane, BSE, computer science and engineering; Anthony Marinelli, B.S., finance and B.A., Italian literature and cultural studies; Irena Mikhalyuk, B.S., psychological studies; Erind Muco, B.S., biological sciences; Dana Nguyen, B.S., statistics; Anthony Nguyen, B.S., management and engineering for manufacturing; Sonja Nishku, B.A., French; William Noiset, B.S., sport management; Peter Nowak, B.M., music; Sonia Obele, B.A., urban and community studies; Megan O'Leary, B.A., human development and family studies; Andrew Pandolfo, B.A., economics; Nathan Peterson, B.A., English; Alexis Pytel, B.A., anthropology; Oriana Repoli, B.A., communication; Evan Seip, B.A., economics; Julia Smith, B.A., psychological sciences; Danielle Springer, B.S., nursing; Iuwei Sze, BSE, computer science and engineering; Ornella Tempo, BSE, chemical engineering; Penelope Triantafylidis, B.A., human development and family studies; Ashley Trinh, B.S., physiology and neurobiology; Nicole Valenti, B.A., biological sciences; Zachary Weinberg, B.A., digital media and design; Adam Weinstein, B.A., digital media and

design; Andrew Yanaros, BSE, mechanical engineering; Robert Yandow Jr., B.S., biological sciences and Michael Zaino, B.S., manage-

Joshua DellaFera earned a bachelor of arts degree from Assumption College.

Wethersfield High School students Carissa Peckrull, Jack Malizia, Karey Friedman and Nick Huynh were awarded scholarships from the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce.

The following residents graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University: Amy Alasso, summa cum laude, bachelor of arts, English; Melanie Attardo, magna cum laude, bachelor of science, early childhood education and Spanish; Heather Avery, bachelor of science, individualized pre-physical therapy; Kellie Fields, bachelor of science, health sciences; Elizabete Florido, bachelor of arts, sociology; Kelsey Kendrick, bachelor of arts, sociology; Jordan Manningham, bachelor of science, finance; Austin Musson, bachelor of arts, visual arts; Andrew Packtor, bachelor of general studies, business administration; Kiara Paez, magna cum laude, bachelor of science, communication; Abby Phillips, bachelor of science, elementary education and English; Norman Ramsey, bachelor of general studies, communication; Nicole Salisbury, magna cum laude, bachelor of arts, social work; Jayson Veley, bachelor of science, communication and Michael Villano, bachelor of science, communication.

Katharine Grottke graduated cum laude from Clemson University with a bachelor of science degree in mar-

Kristen Linnartz earned a bachelor of art degree in communications/ sport journalism from Springfield College.

Kaitlin Gontarz, Fiona O'Hagan, Brianna Gillette and Kyle Vonick were named to the dean's list at Lasell College.



1 Katherine McNair was named to the advisory council of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is a manager with PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP in Wethersfield.

Andrew Aronne earned a bachelor of science degree in movement and sport studies from Springfield College.

William Schmid earned a bachelor of science degree in movement and sport studies from Springfield College.

Kaitlin Gontarz earned a B.A. degree in IDS curriculum and instruction from Lasell College.

The following pupils were honored as students of the trimester at Silas Deane Middle School. Grade 7: Gabriella Amoddio, Dana Andrews, Isabella Bonvisuto, Bryce Cox, Leija Guster, Ryan Koplin, Haley Krawczyk, Cameron Ky, Andrew Labbe, Samuele Marchio, Admir Masic, Vincent Milluzzo, Hannah Ocasio, Julia Pitchell, Ava Sargent, Jonathan Skowronek, Hayley Troy, Olivia Thompson, Bhakti Vansadia and Brendan Zaleski. Grade 8: Hailey Baranowski, Citalli Chavez-Aguilar, Serena Console, Gabriel Gomes, Abigail Keane, Lauren

Stephanie Joanis earned a bachelor of science degree in human services from Springfield College.



2 Aleysia Green received a \$1,000 book award as part of a college scholarship initiative operated by the Hartford Region Open Choice

Lesser, Caitlin Nardella, Tam Nguyen, Connor Pace, Gabriel Perdomo, Atif Raza, Abigail Riberio, John Rumley, Kassandra Vazquez-Felipe, Eric Scheuermann and Abigail Siemmer.

Sara Garrey was named to the dean's list at Keene State College.

Kristen Linnartz, Jonas Diaz, Rosely Gonzalez, William Schmid and Timothy Linnartz were named to the dean's list at Springfield College.

Anthony Bruno, Shayla Bailey, Analissa Mandile, Madeline Fulton and Jessica Thibeault were named to the dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

Noah Thulen was named to the dean's list at Castleton University.

Jenna Brown was named to the dean's list at Dean College.

Catherine Prevsner was named to the dean's list at Lehigh University.

Patrick Mozzicato was named to the dean's list at Ohio State University.

Zachary Mullin was named to the dean's list at James Madison University. **WL**

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